

AMPS Update – June 2011

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New This Year

- New CTAM one-way nest
 - Central Trans-Antarctic Mountains
 - Continuing Palmer one-way nest
 - Repeat of LARISSA one-way nest
- Plotting window following the Nathaniel B. Palmer
- Updating meteograms
- Upgrade from WRF version 3.0.1.1 to WRF version 3.2.1
 - 12 UTC, 27 April 2011

AMPS window following Nathaniel B. Palmer

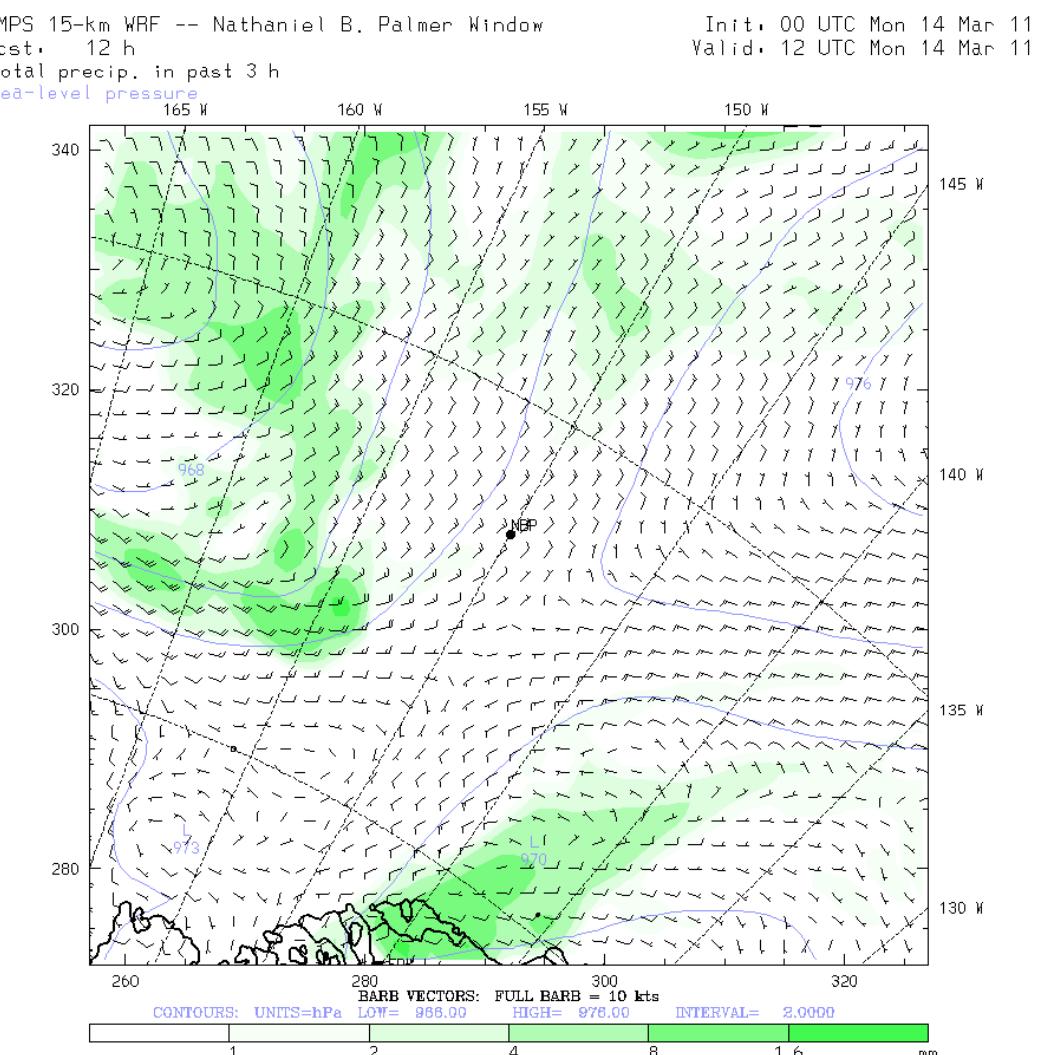
Implemented at the request from
NSF

Location of NBP updated for each
forecast

New plotting window of the AMPS
15-km grid (grid 2) created for each
forecast, centered on the most
recent ship location

AMPS wind/SLP/precipitation chart
sent via e-mail directly to ship

Will likely add this capability for the
Laurence M. Gould this upcoming
season

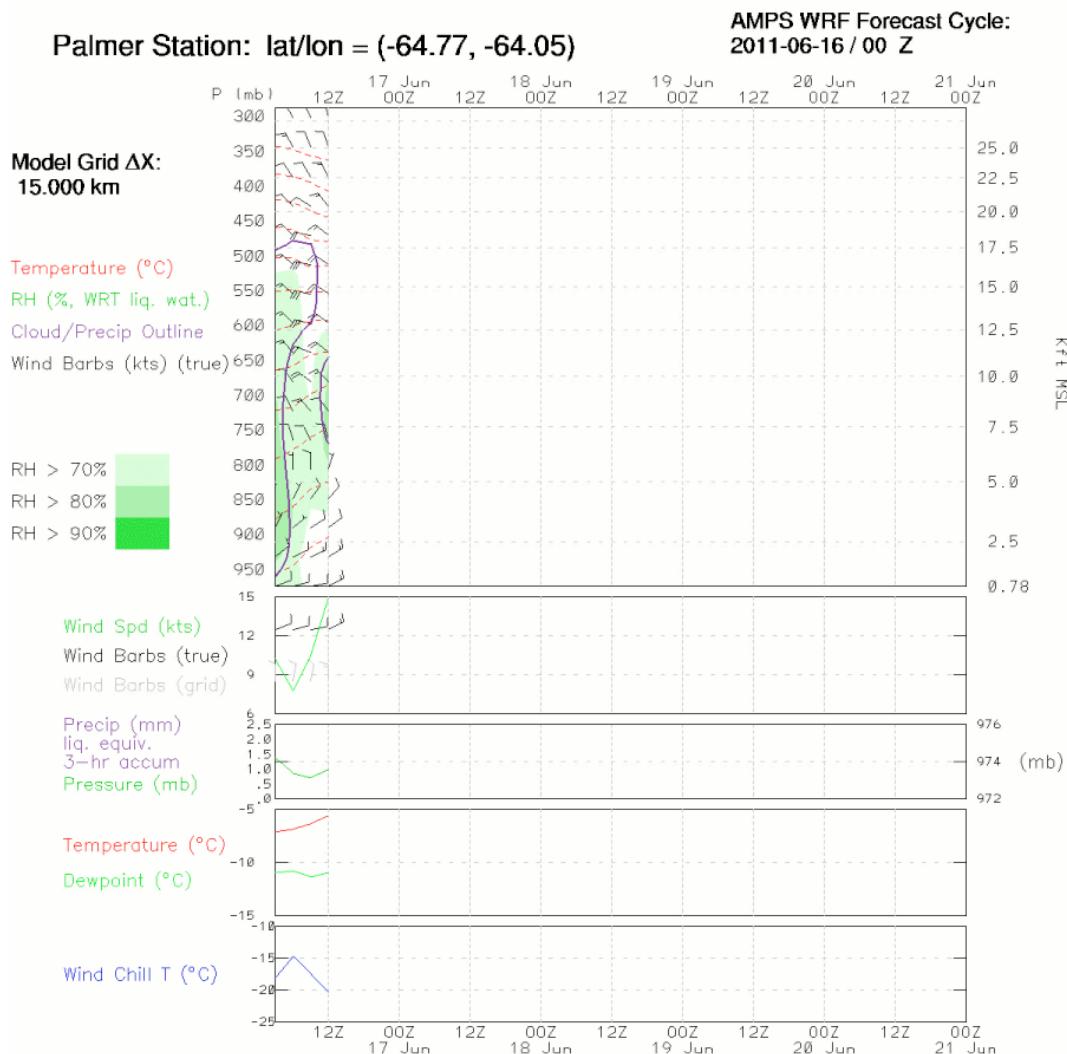


Updating Meteograms

In the past, meteograms were the last AMPS products created. Meteograms were not produced until the model had finished its 5-day forecast.

This meant that even to see early forecast hours in the meteogram format, forecasters needed to wait for the model integration to complete (4-5 hours)

Meteograms are now updated periodically as the forecast progresses

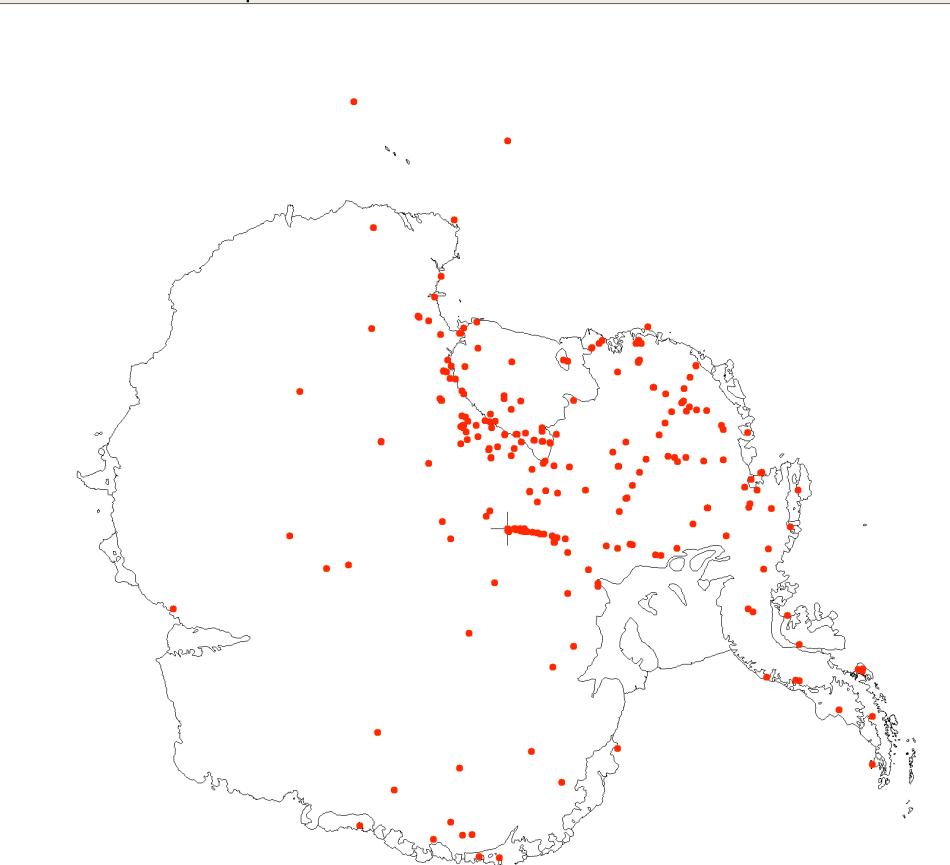


Meteogram on Demand

Meteogram / Time-series requests from 2010-11-27 to 2011-06-08

-- Total number of requests: 5153

-- Number of unique sites: 254



2010/2011 Season

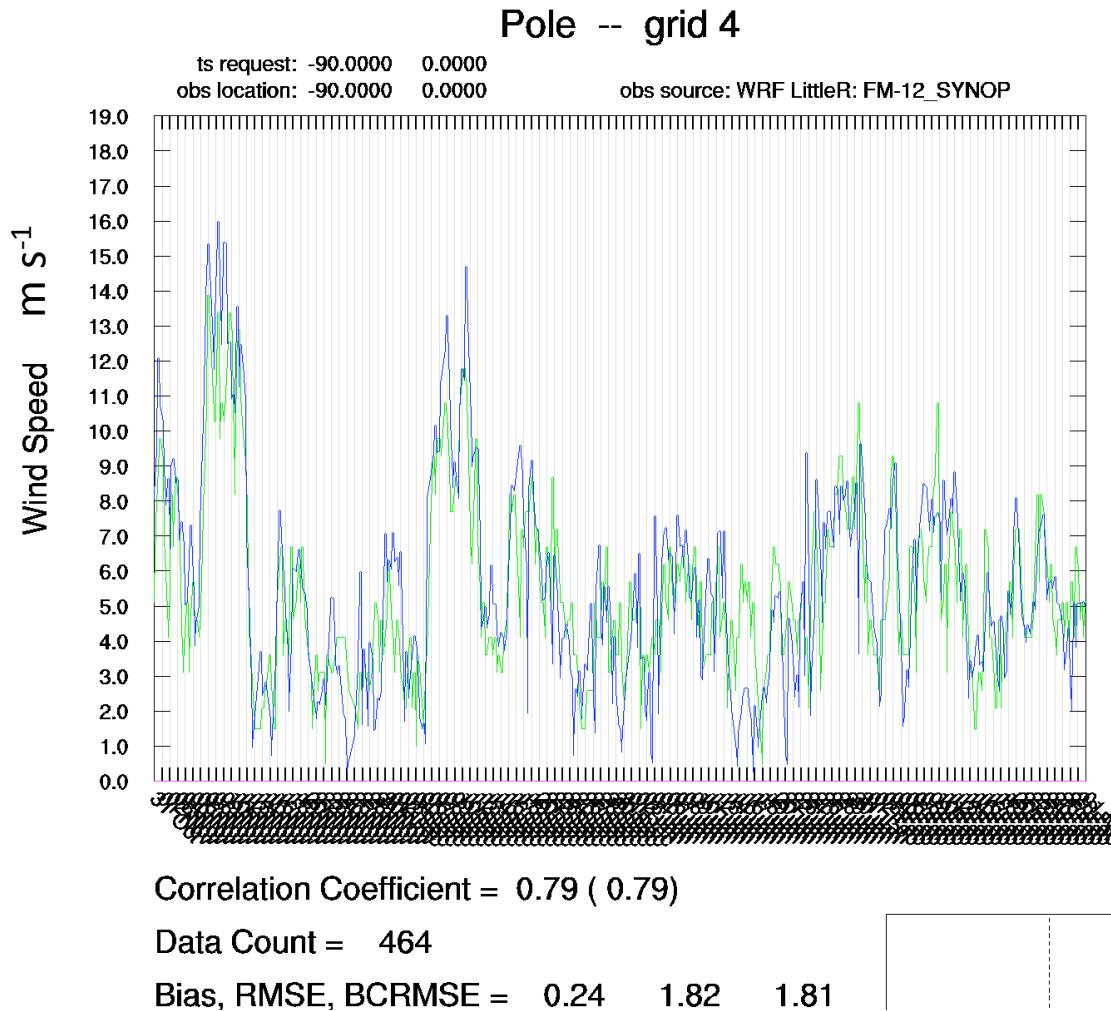
AMPS Statistics

- Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb
- Before the upgrade to WRF v3.2.1

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Antarctic observations and making them
accessible*

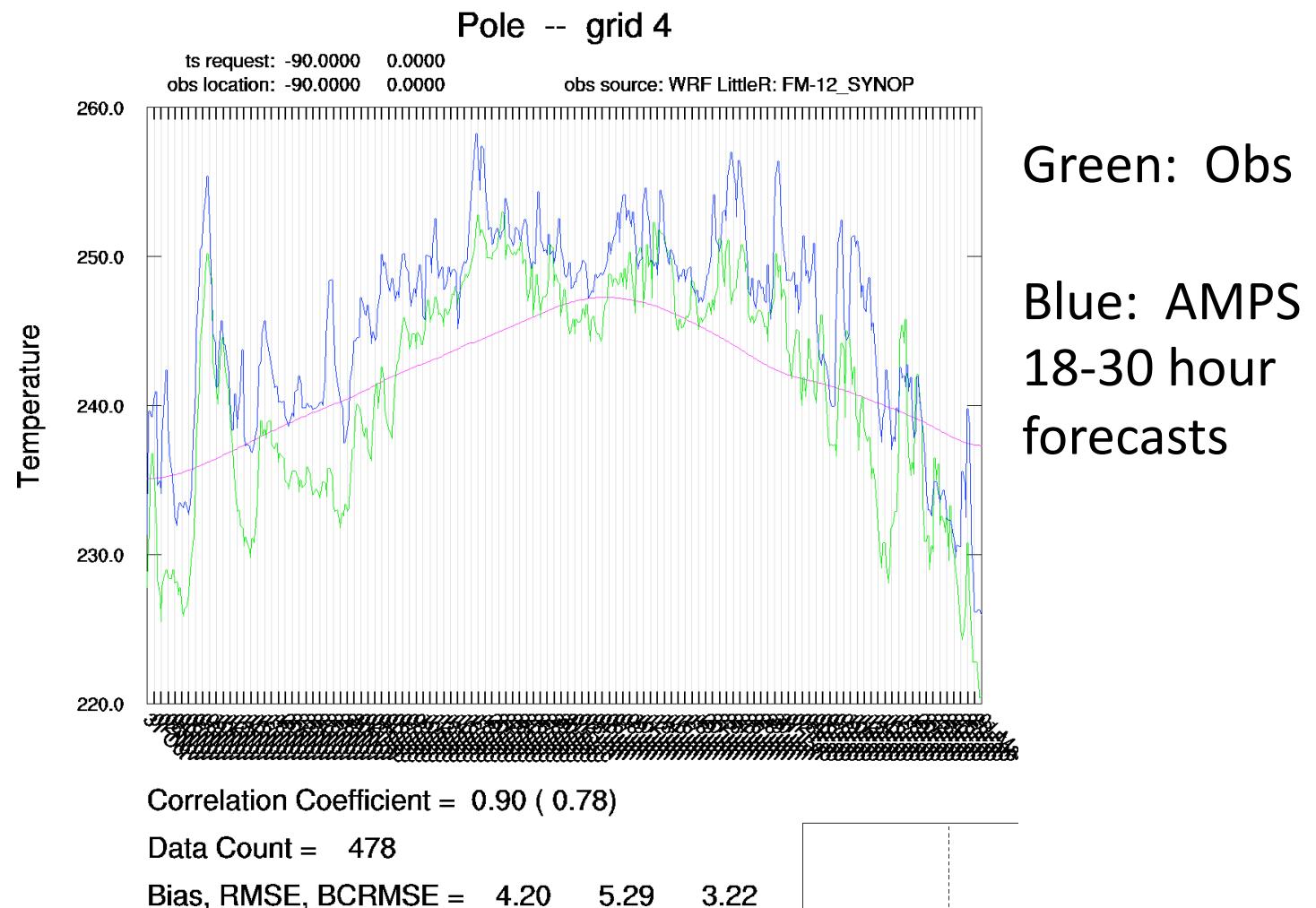
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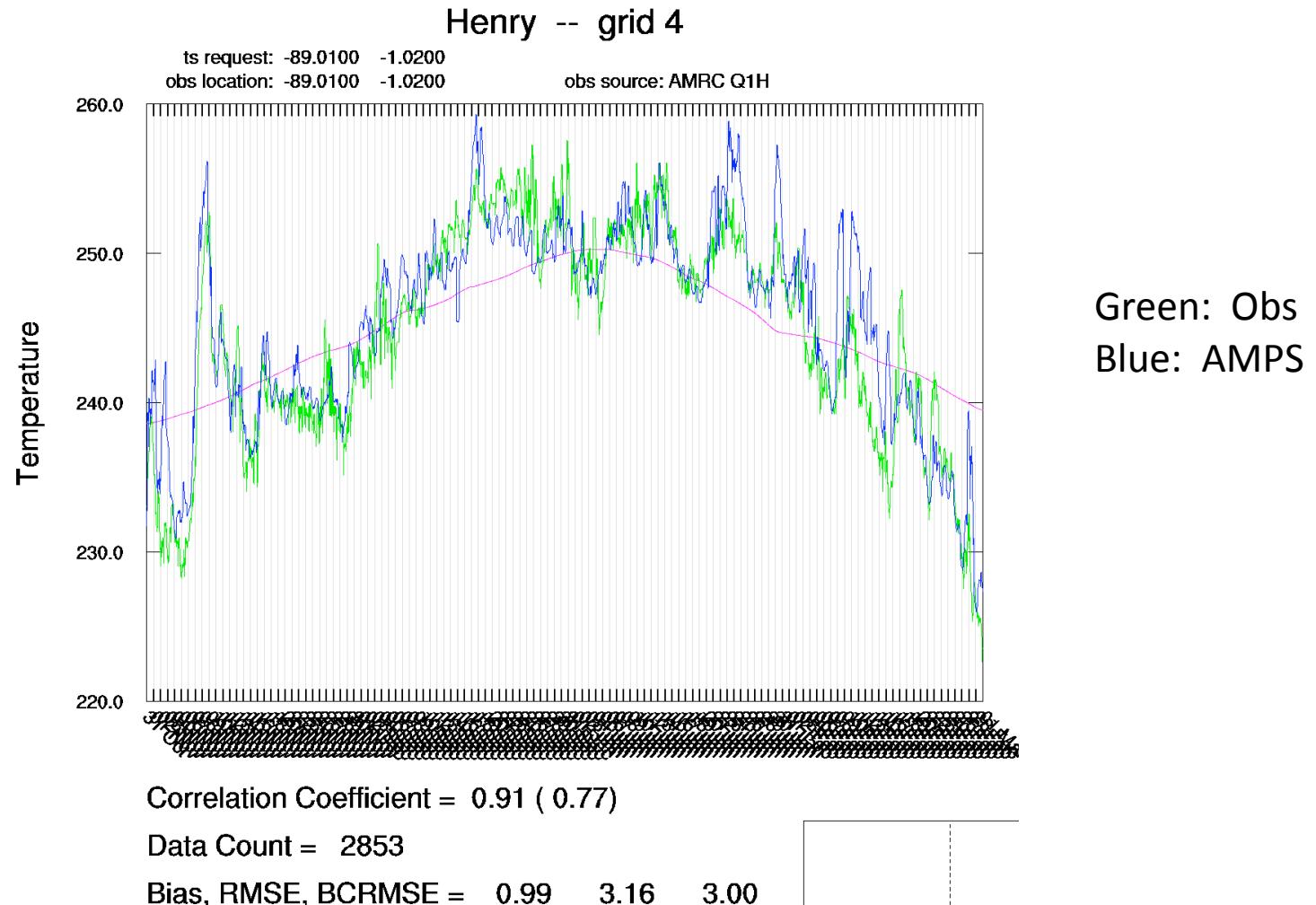
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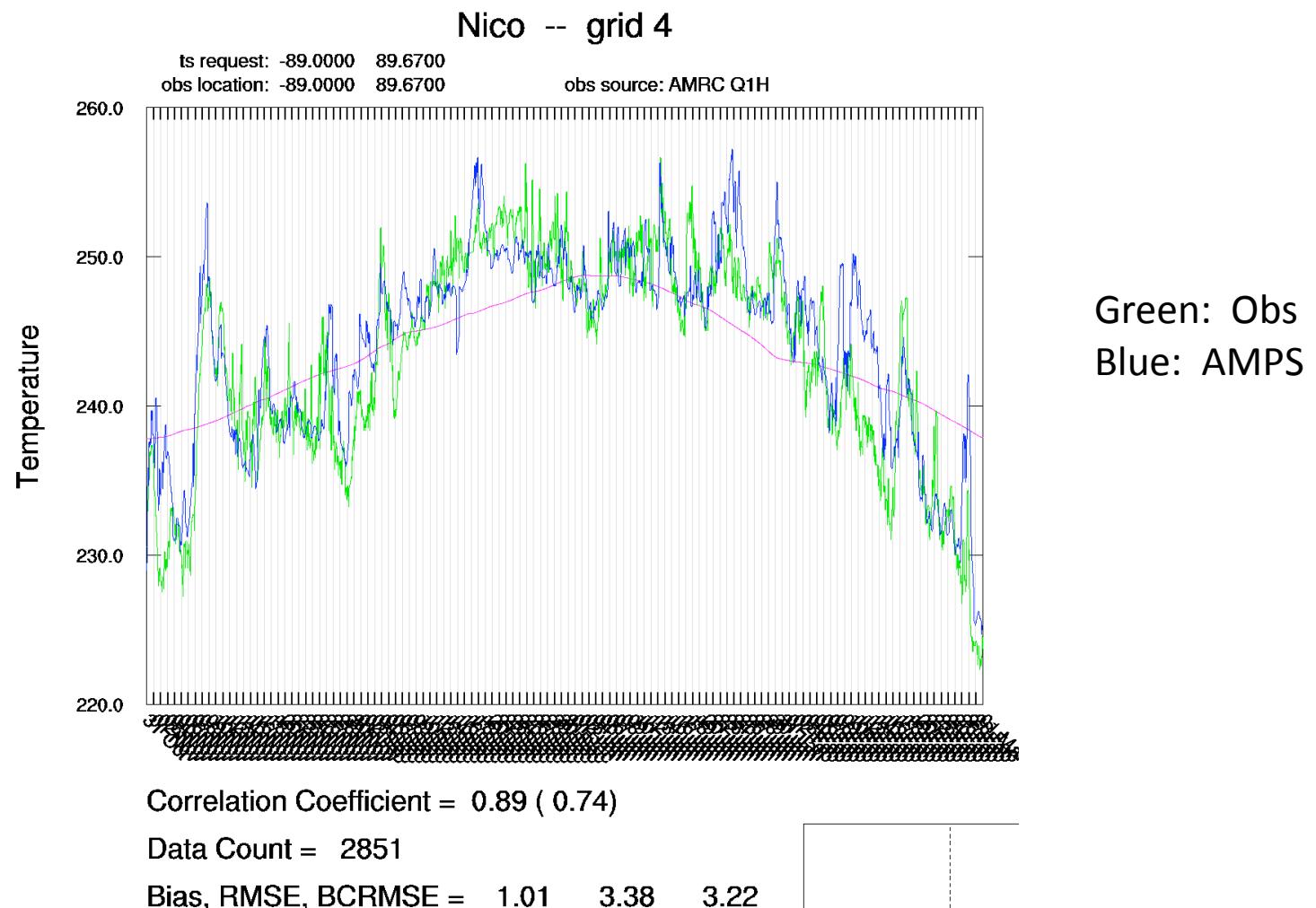
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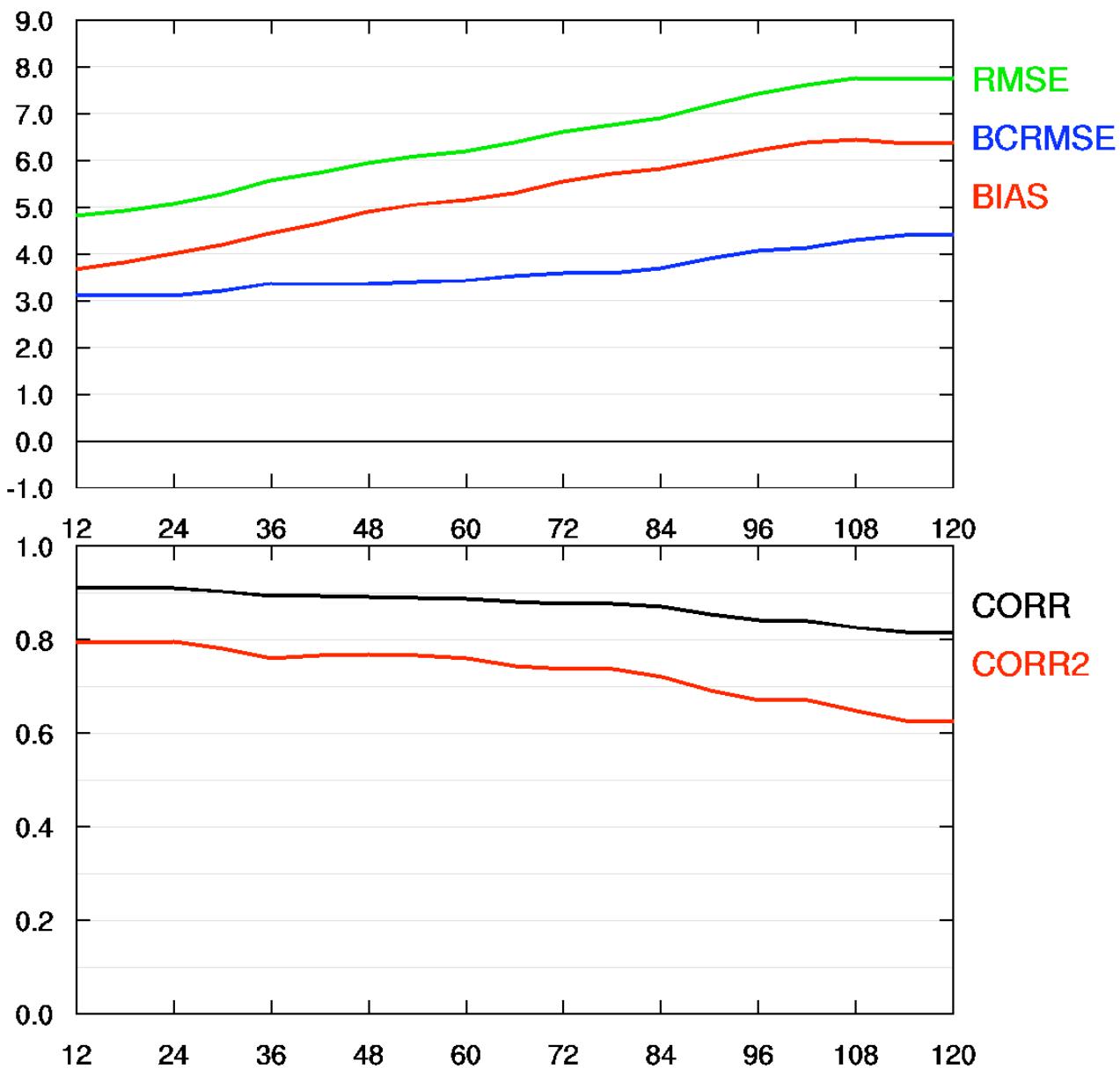
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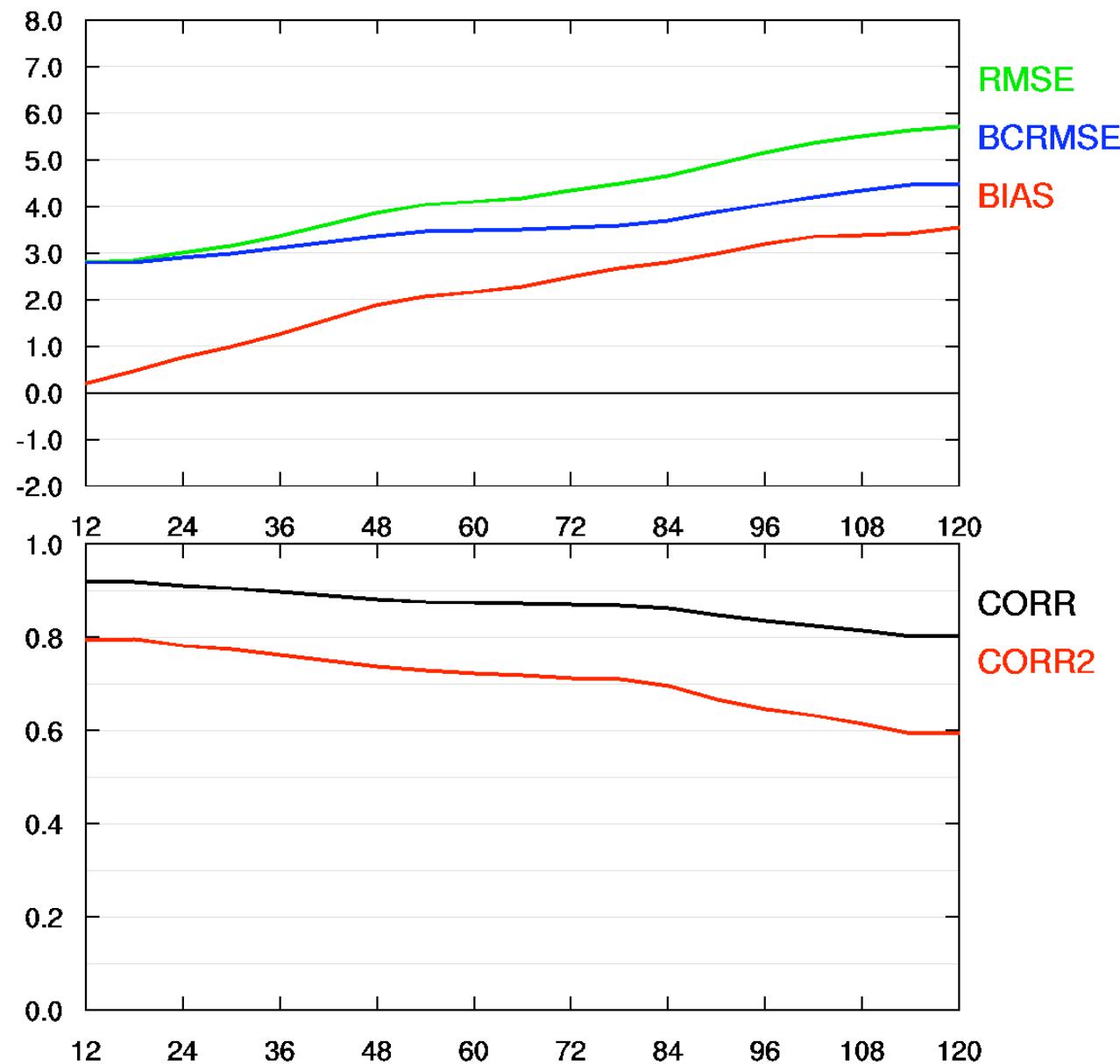


- Behavior at Pole different from Henry and Nico
 - Influence of human activity?

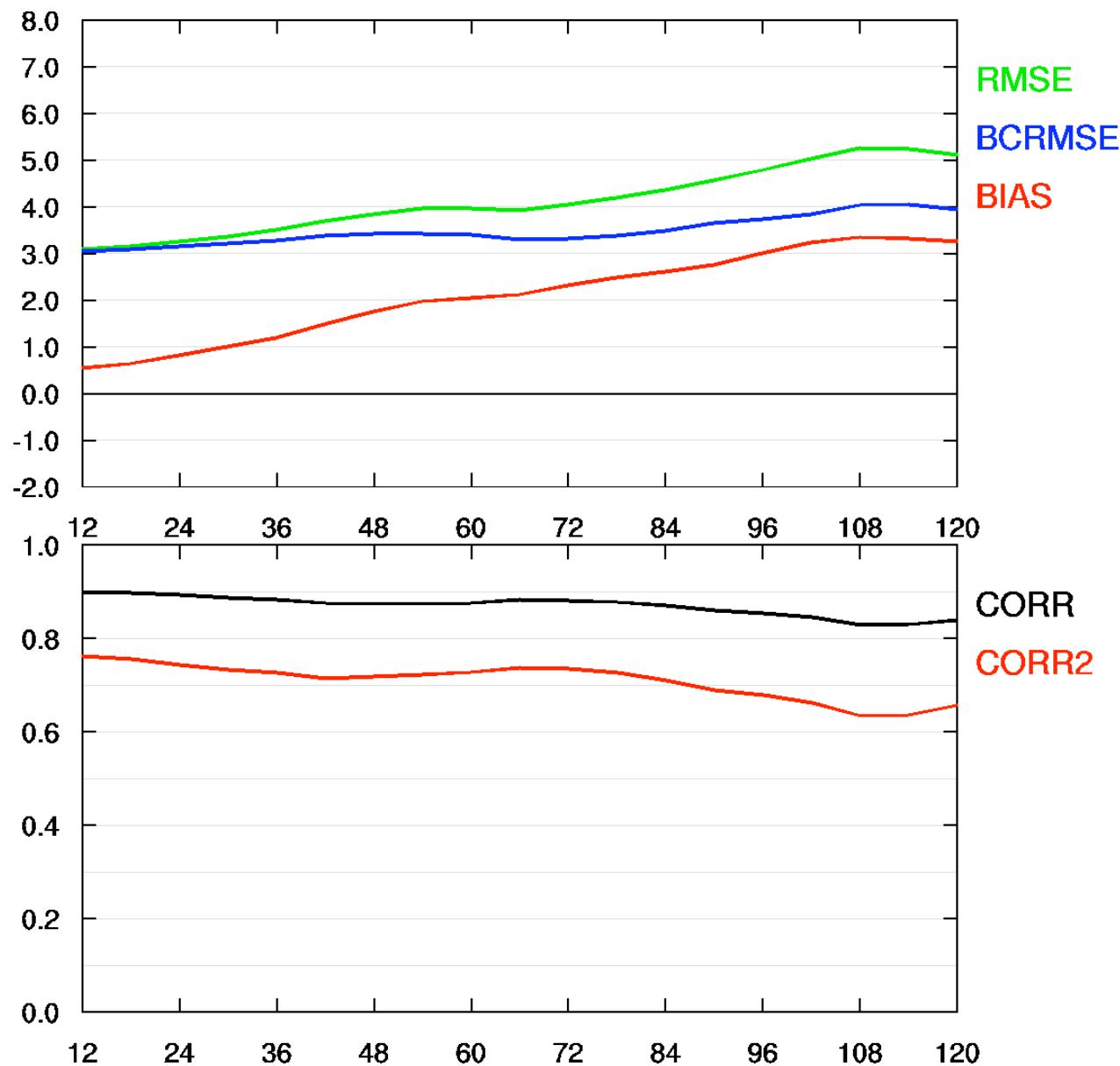
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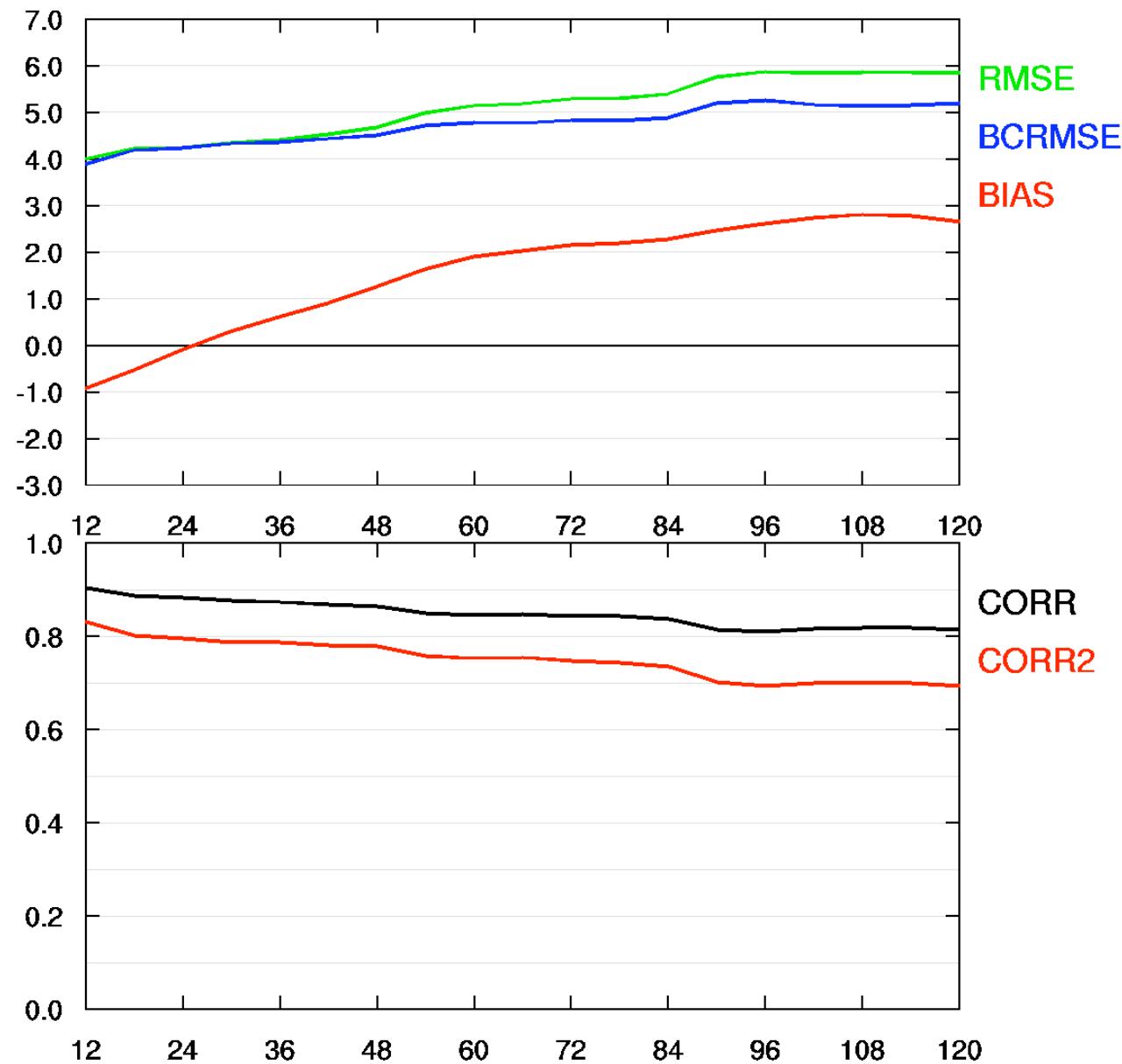
Henry Temperature



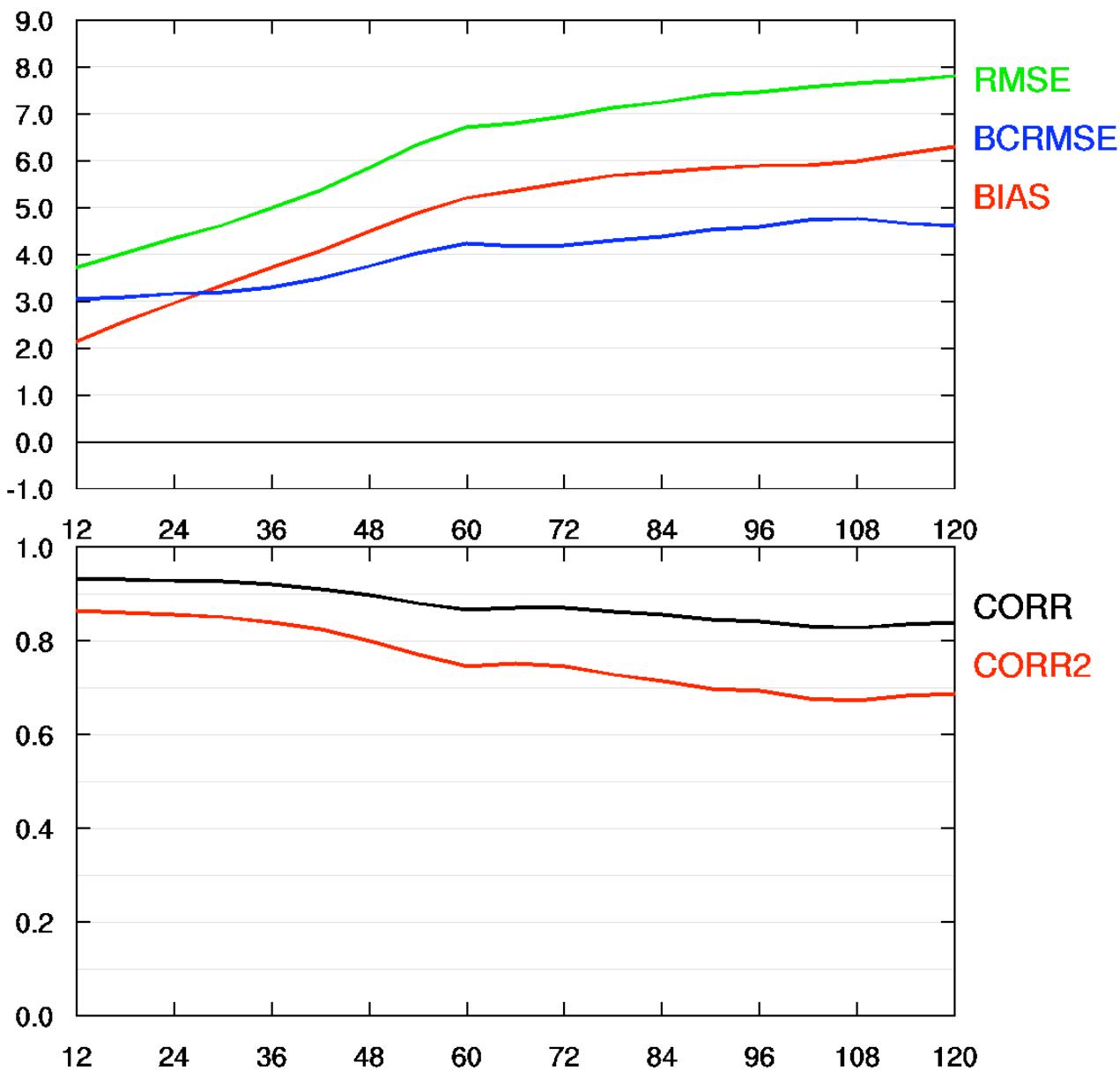
Nico Temperature



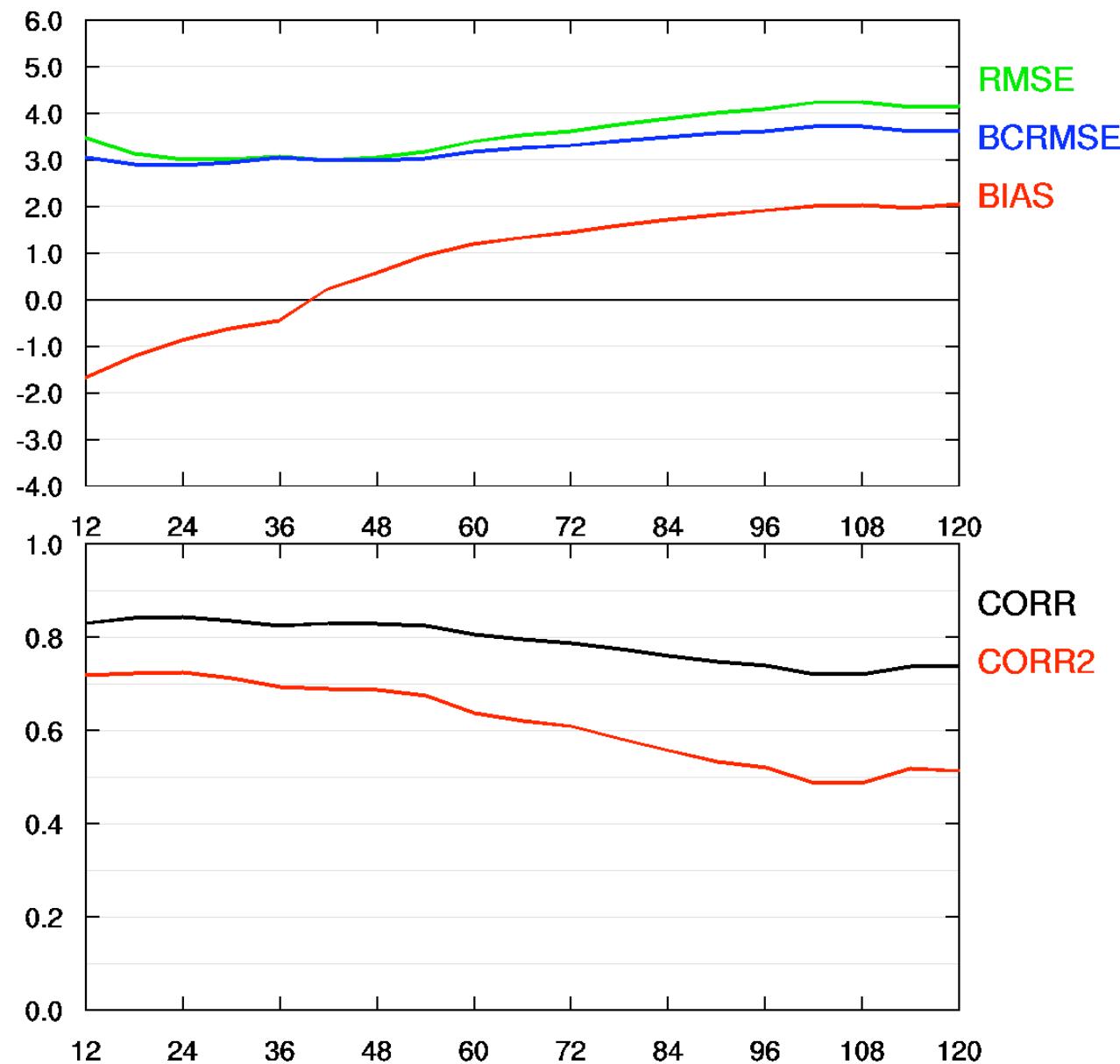
Dome C II Temperature



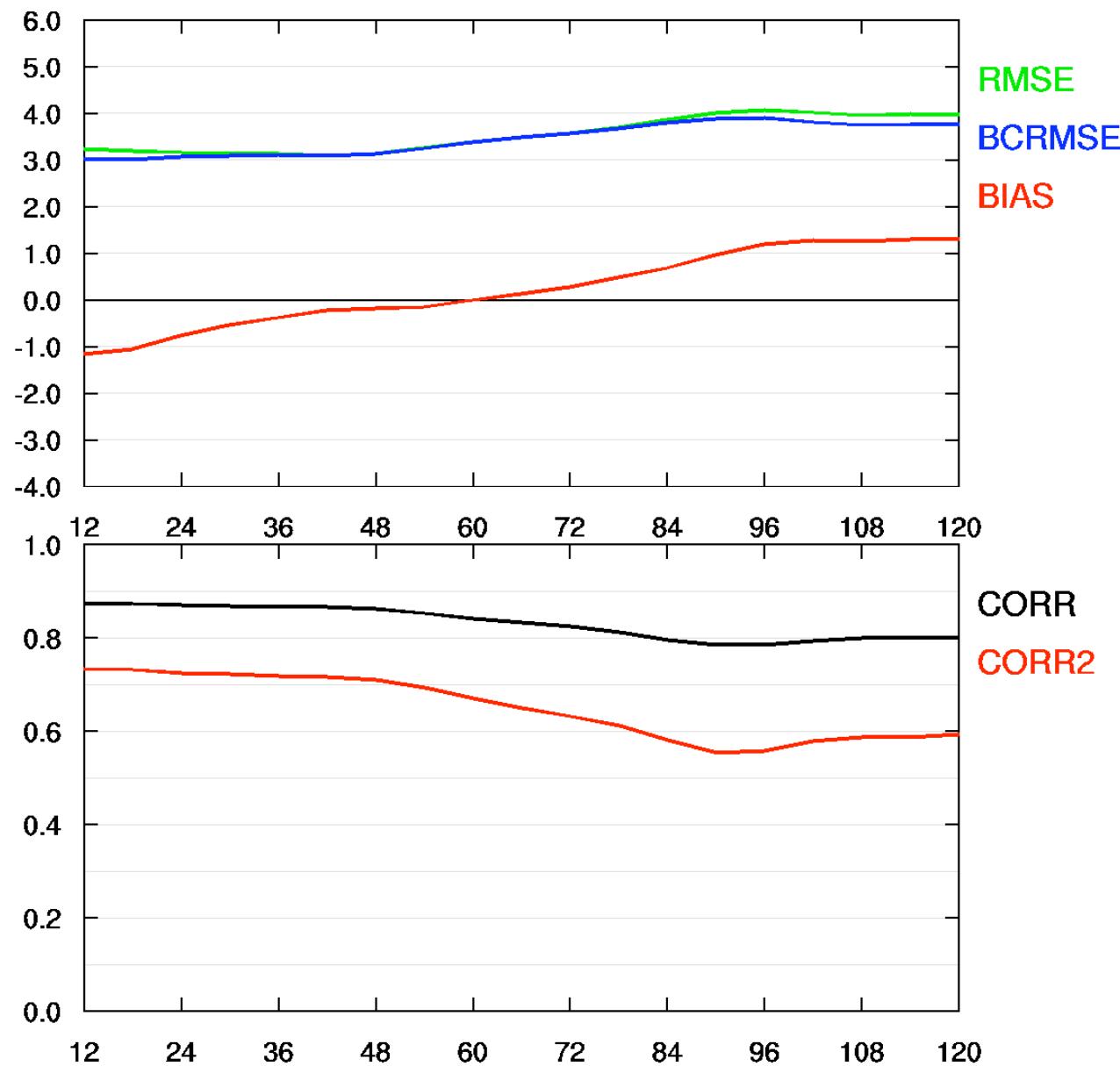
Vostok Temperature



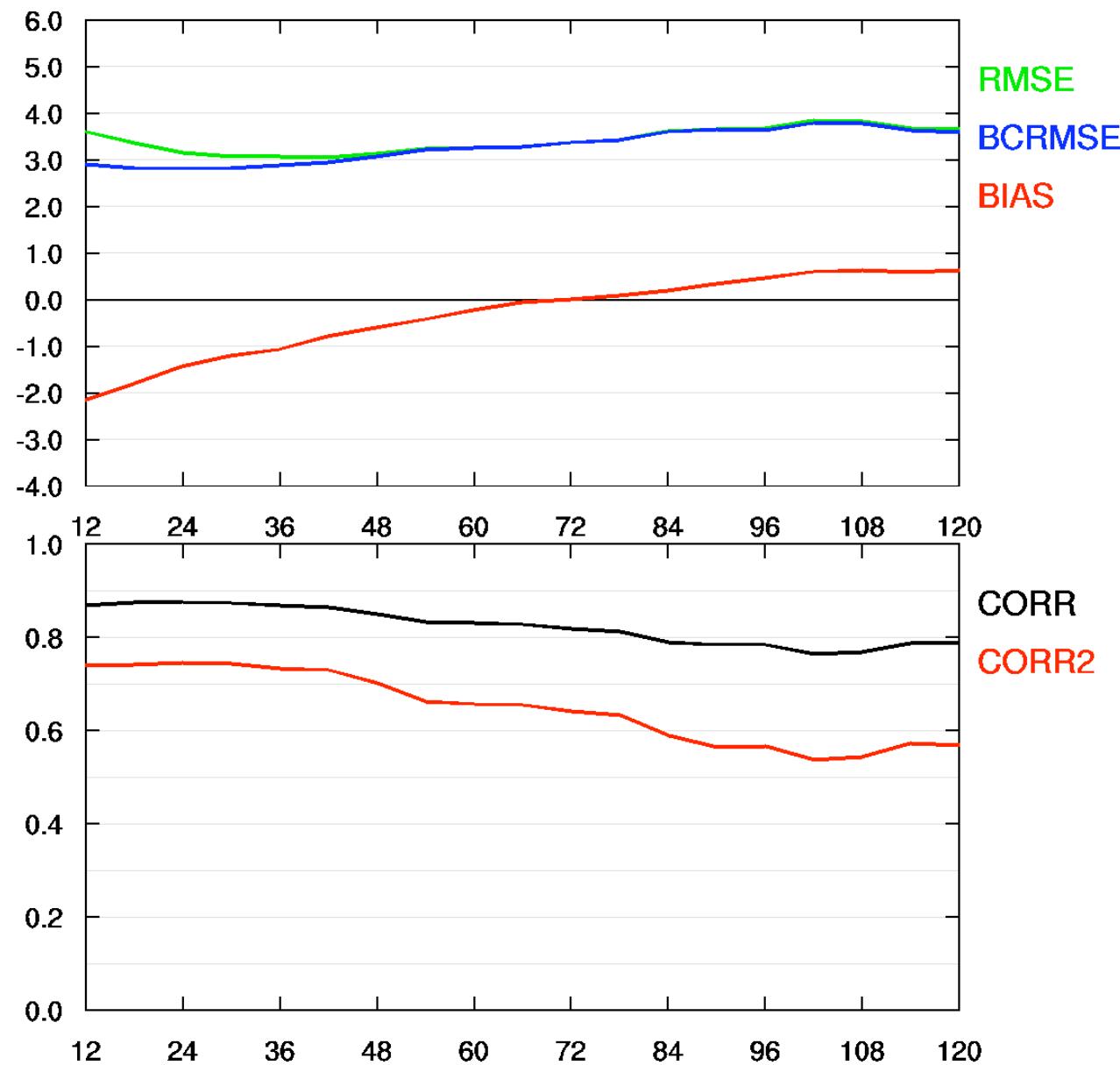
Pegasus North Temperature



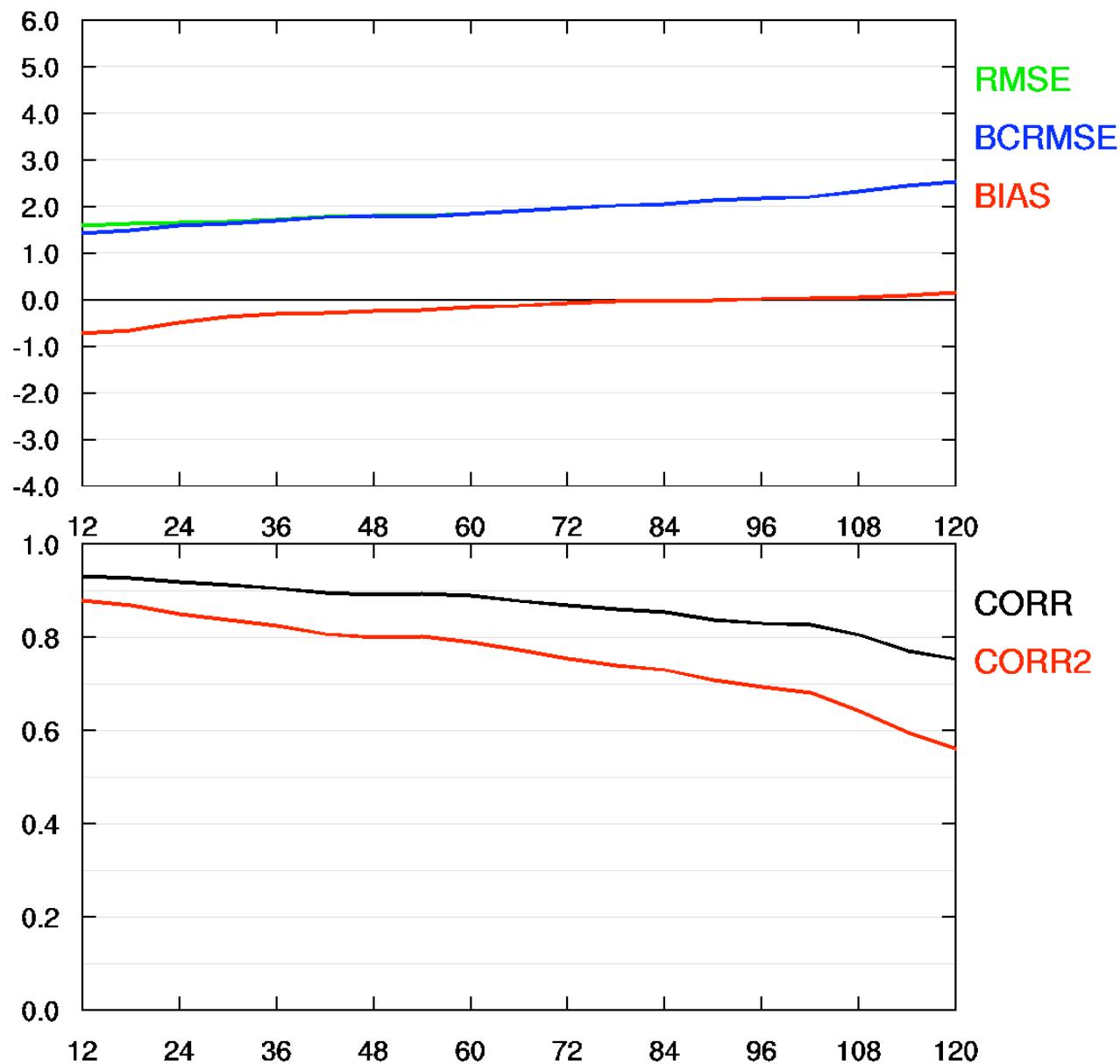
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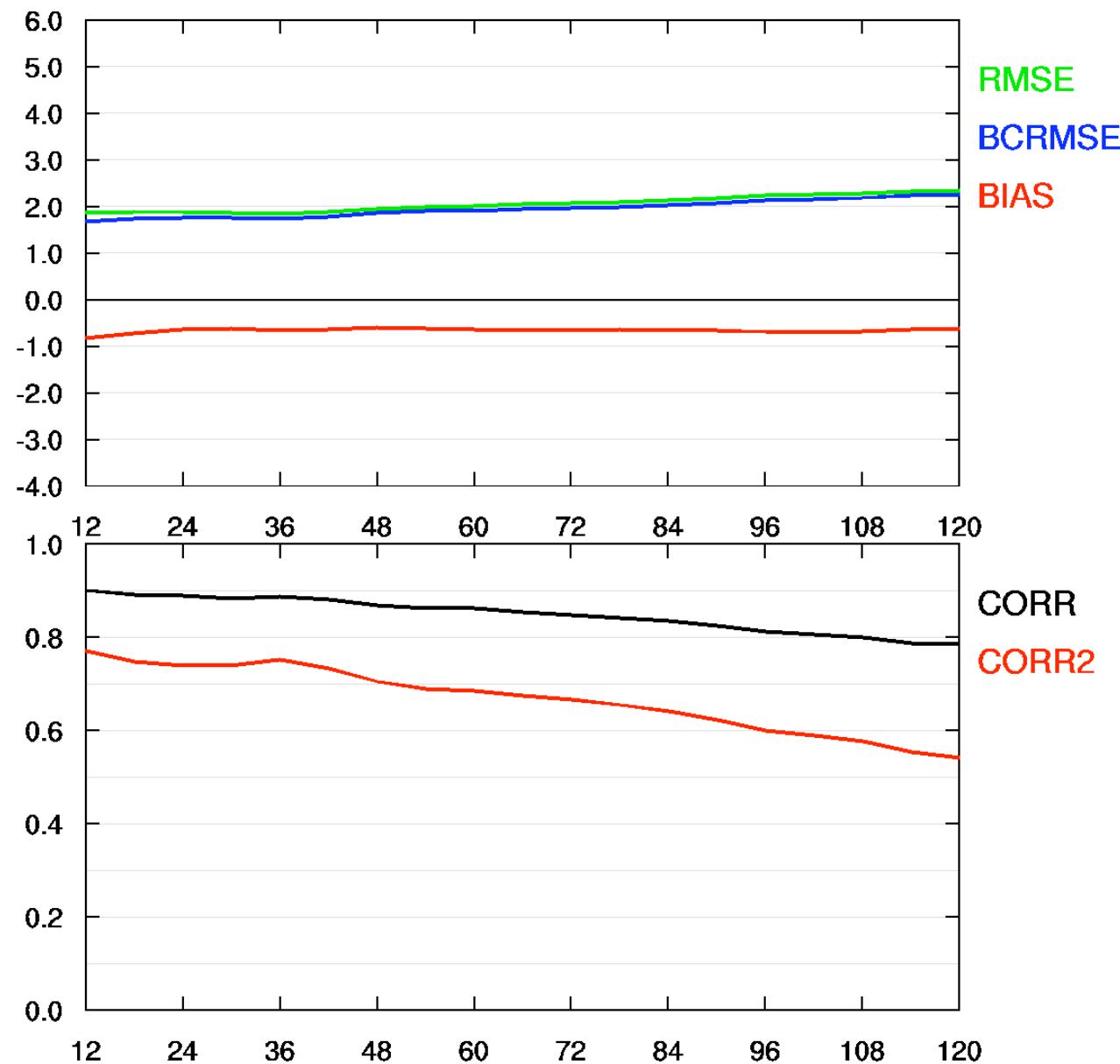
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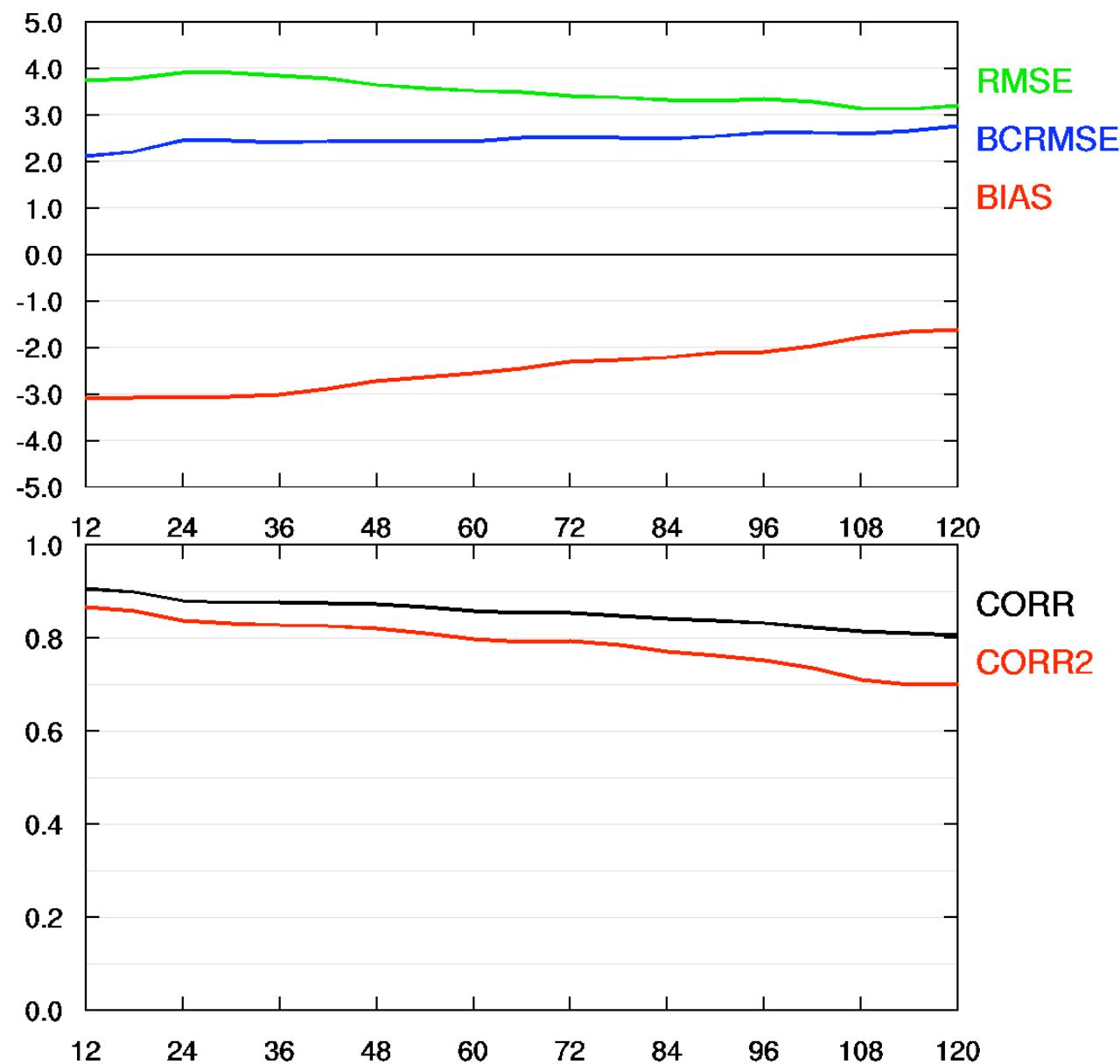
Dumont d'Urville Temperature



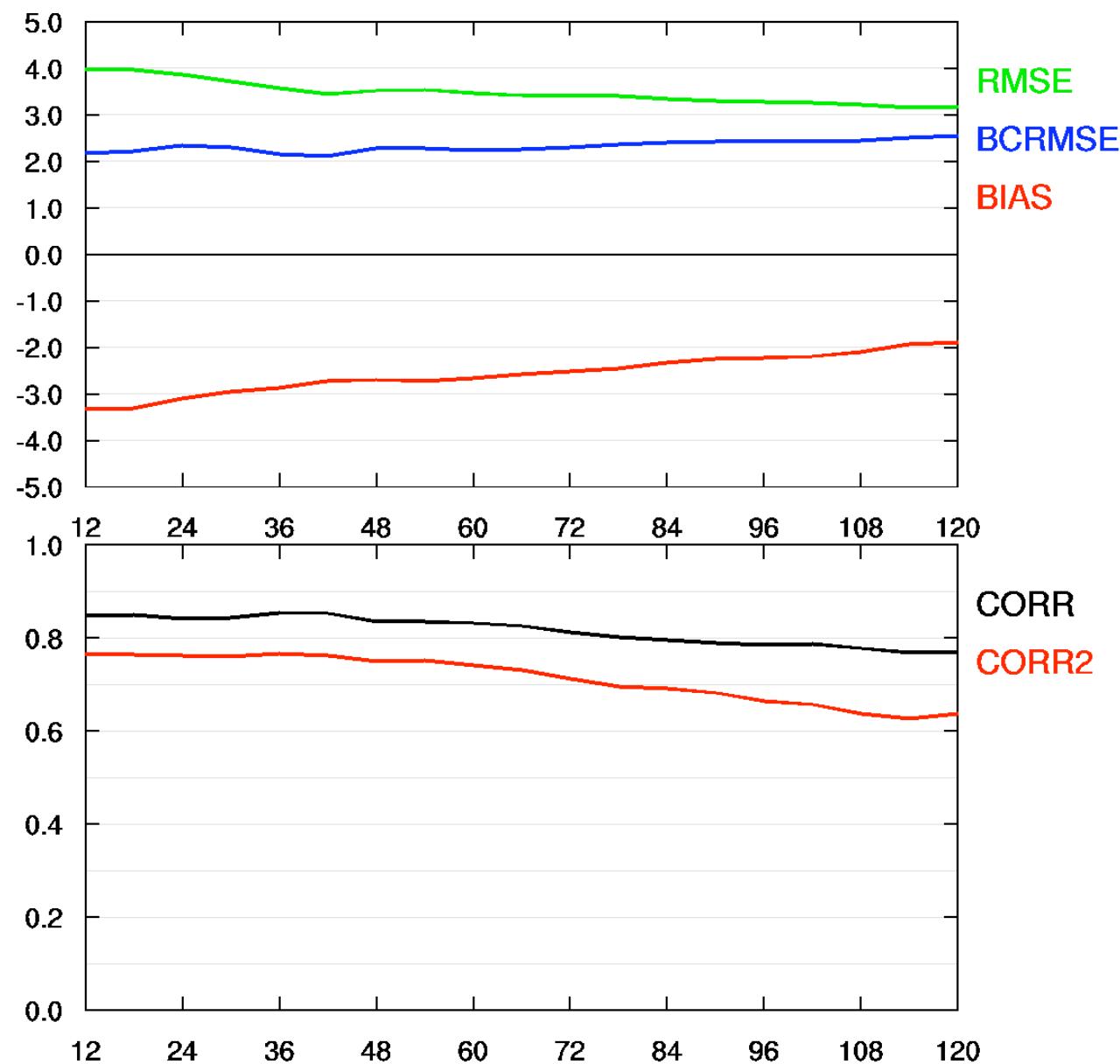
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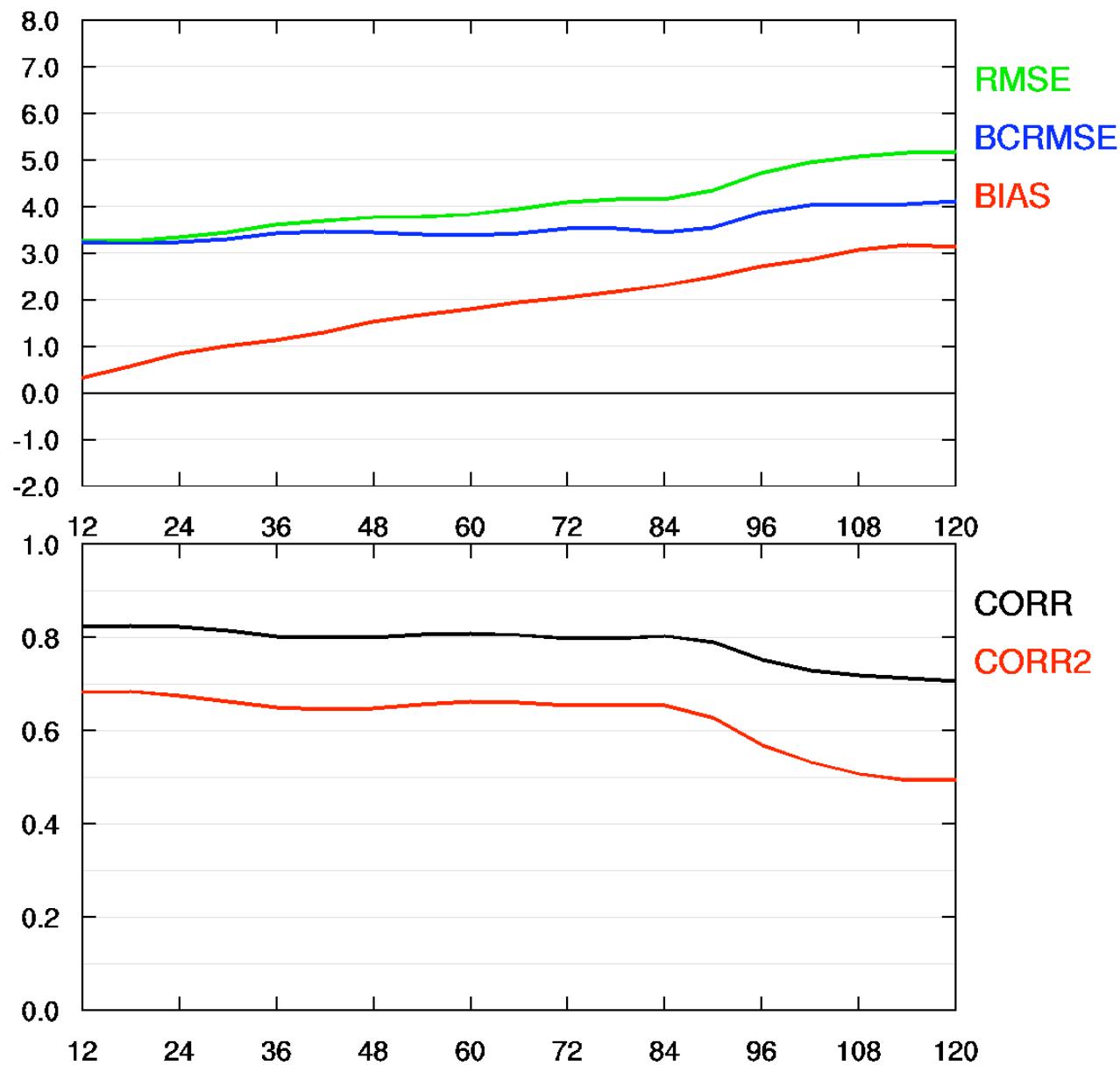
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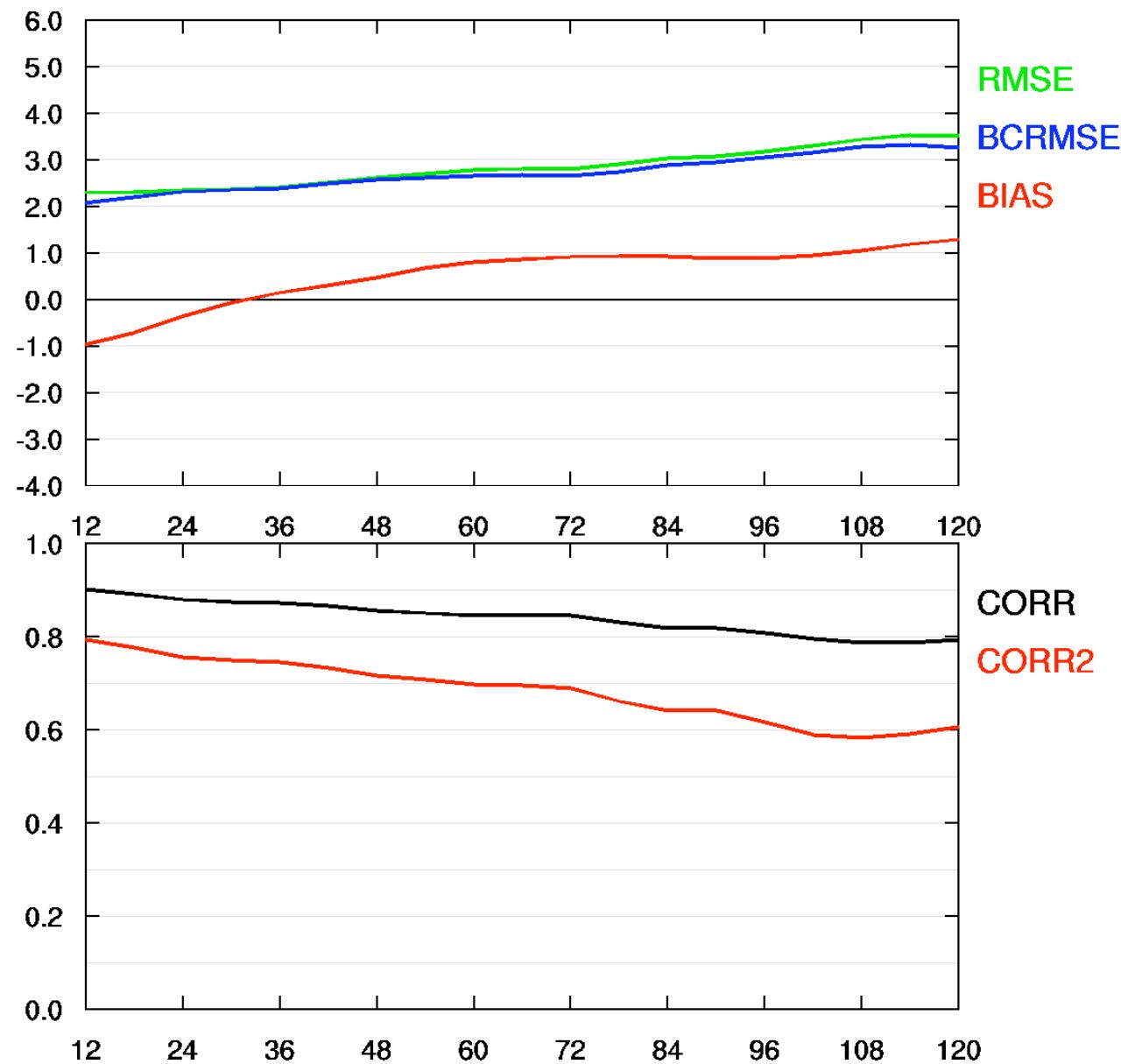
Novolazarevskaja Temperature



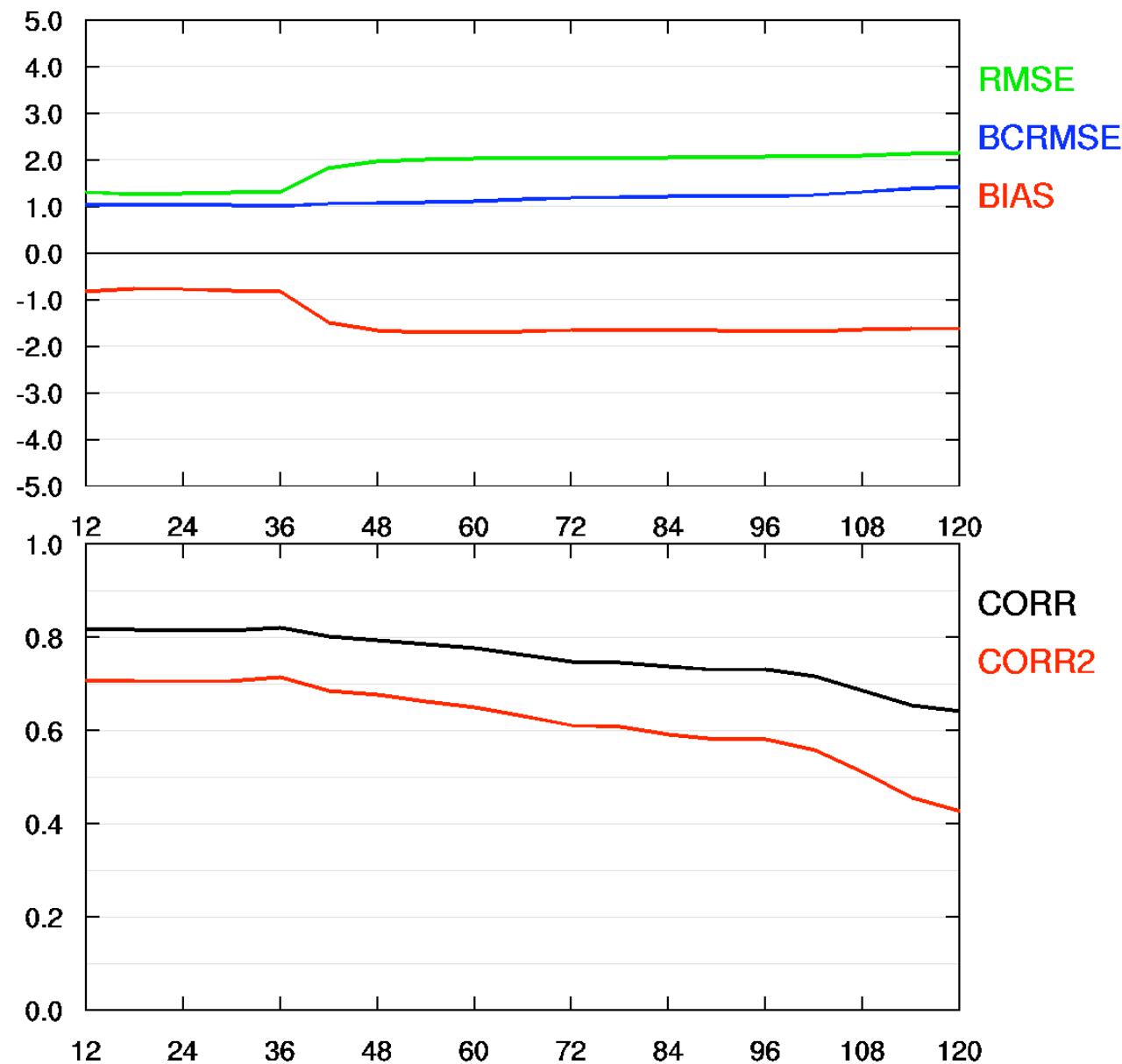
Kominko-Slade Temperature



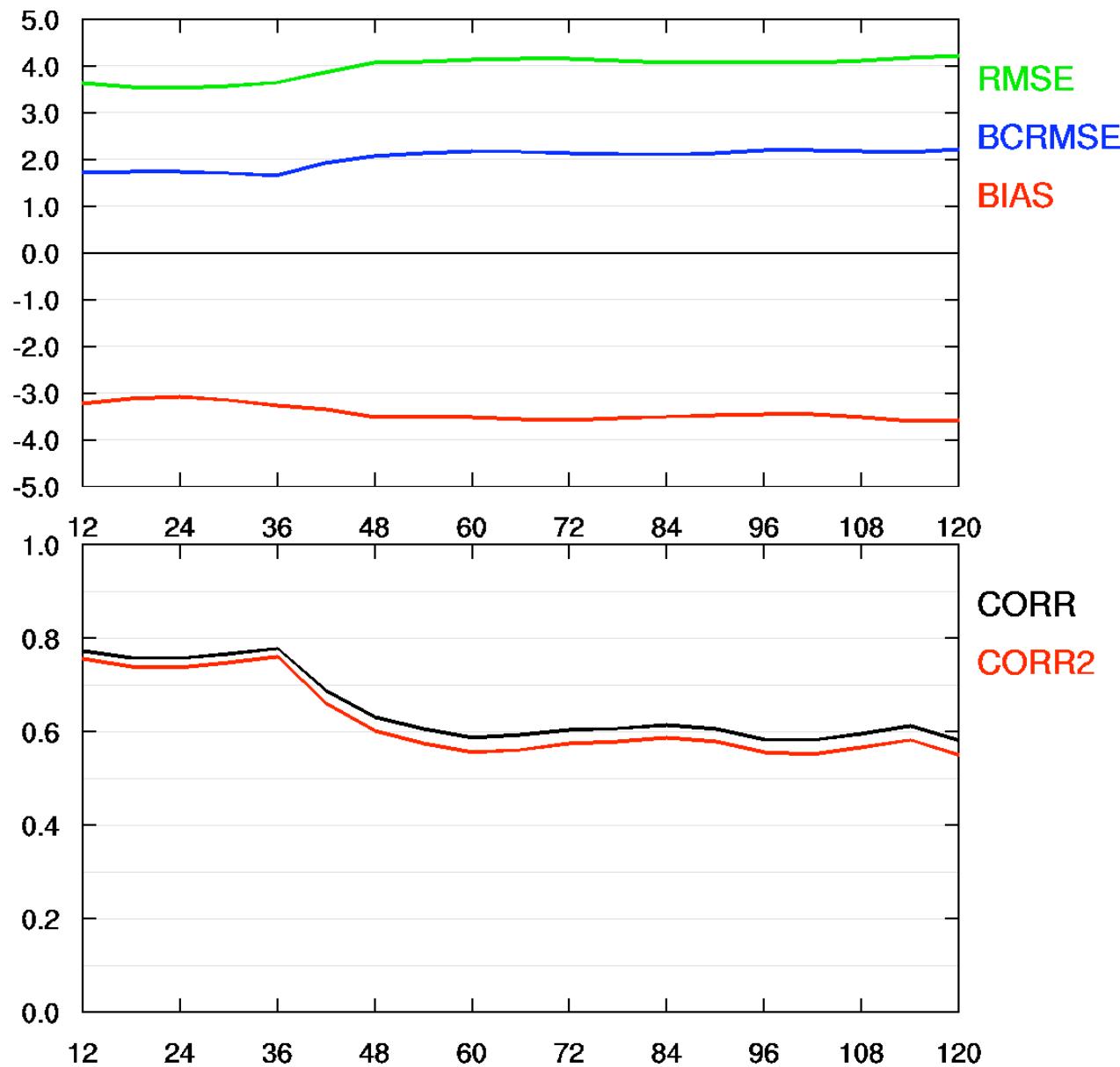
Brianna Temperature

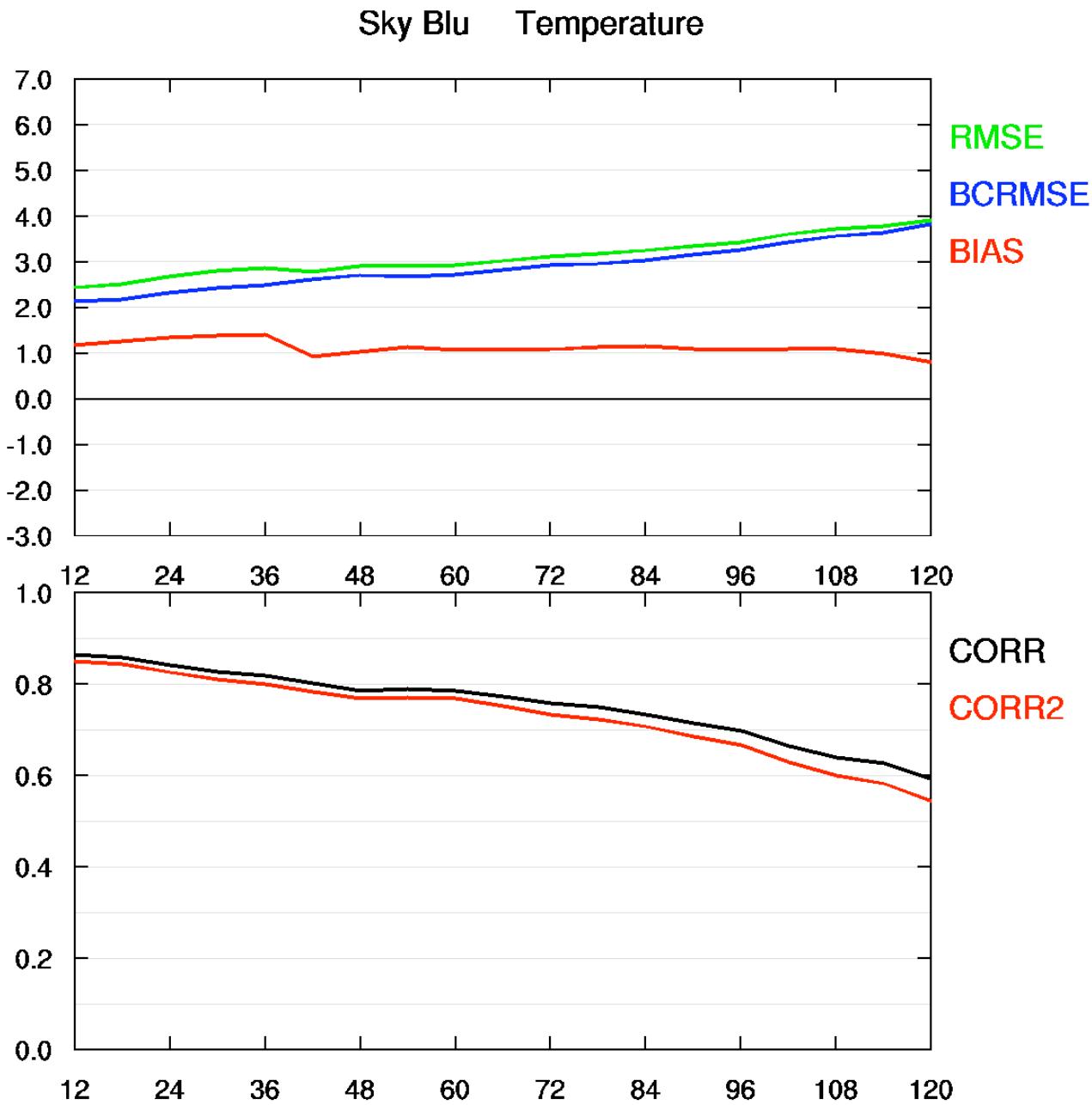


Rothera Point Temperature



Base Esperanza Temperature



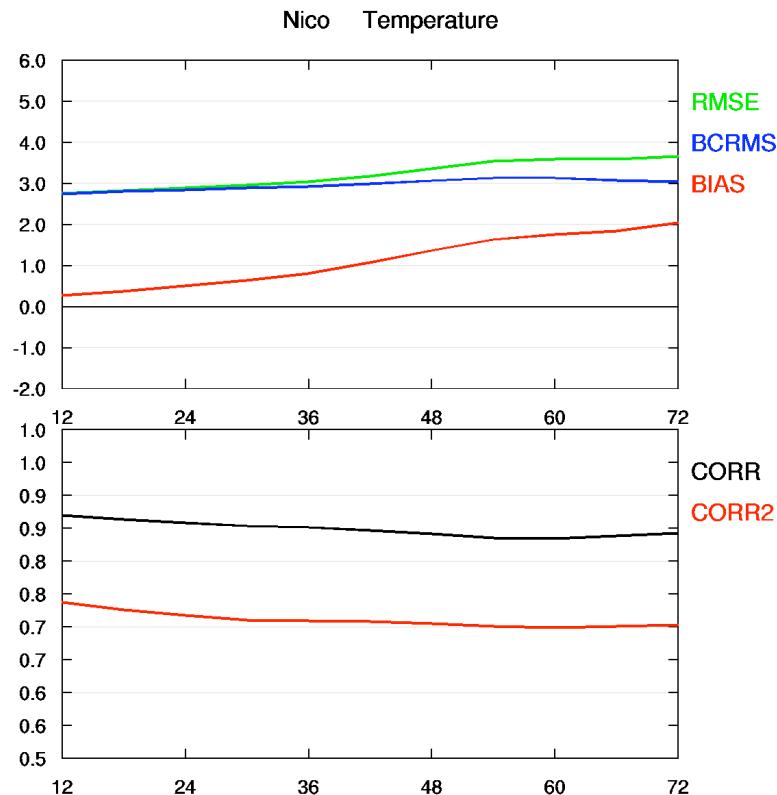


- AMPS shows consistent warming trend over 120-hour forecast
 - Except Antarctic Peninsula, some coastal stations
- AMPS shows rising pressure trend over East Antarctic Plateau, falling trend over Ross Ice Shelf region, mixed results elsewhere
- Consistent behavior between 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 seasons

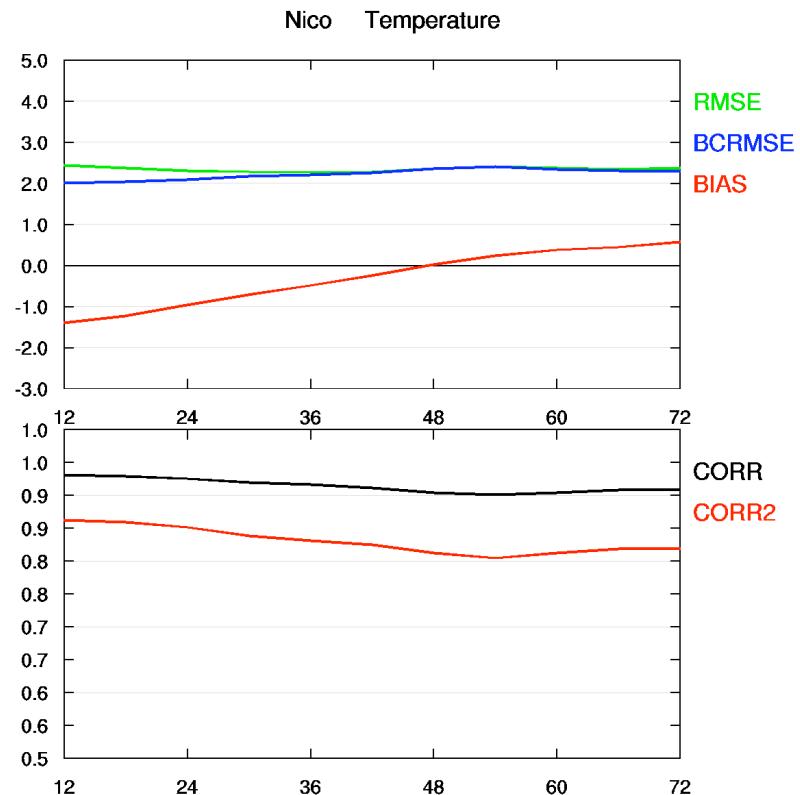
- These statistics computed from AMPS real-time runs with WRF version 3.0.1.1
 - What happens with the newer WRF version 3.2.1?

Comparison to WRF 3.2.1 Temperature Statistics

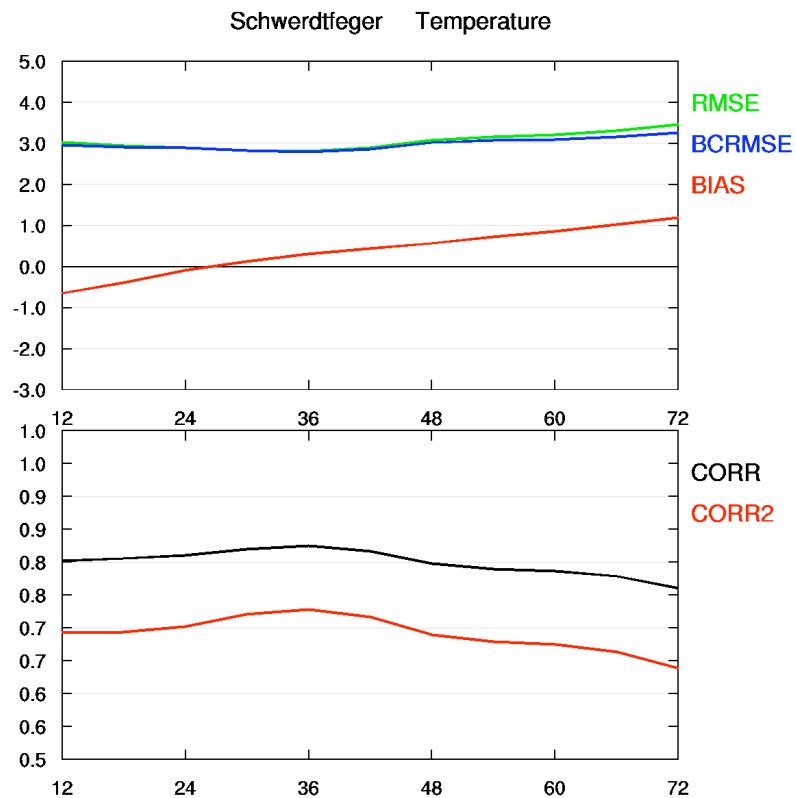
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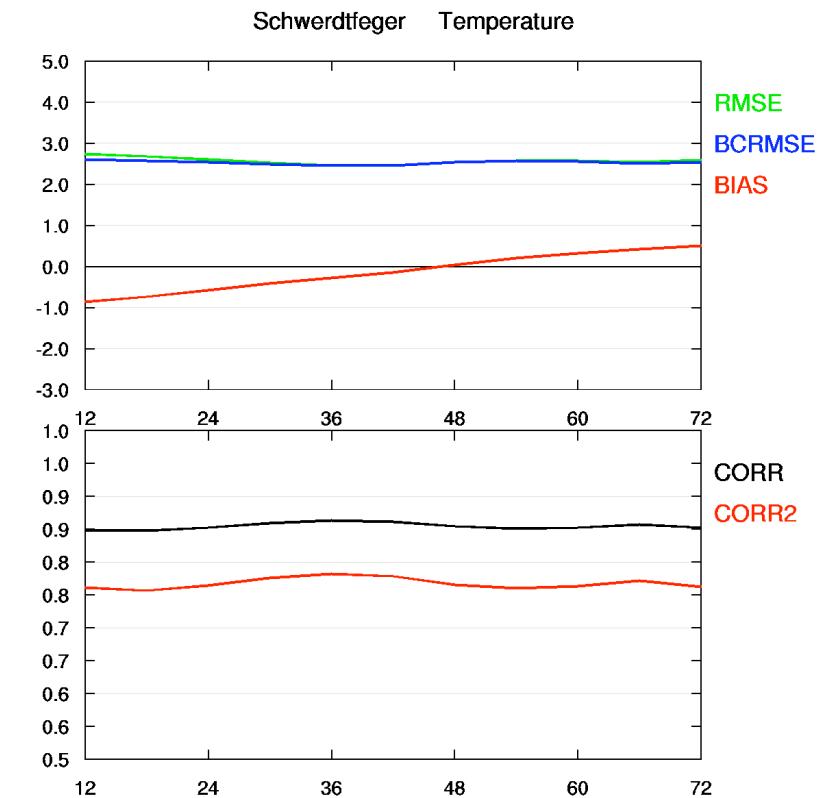
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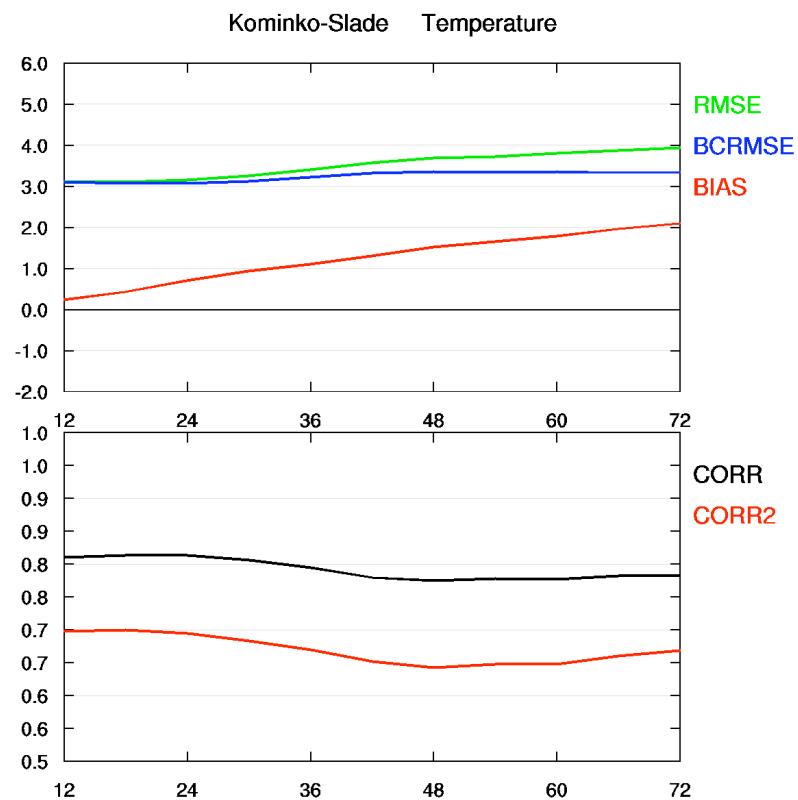
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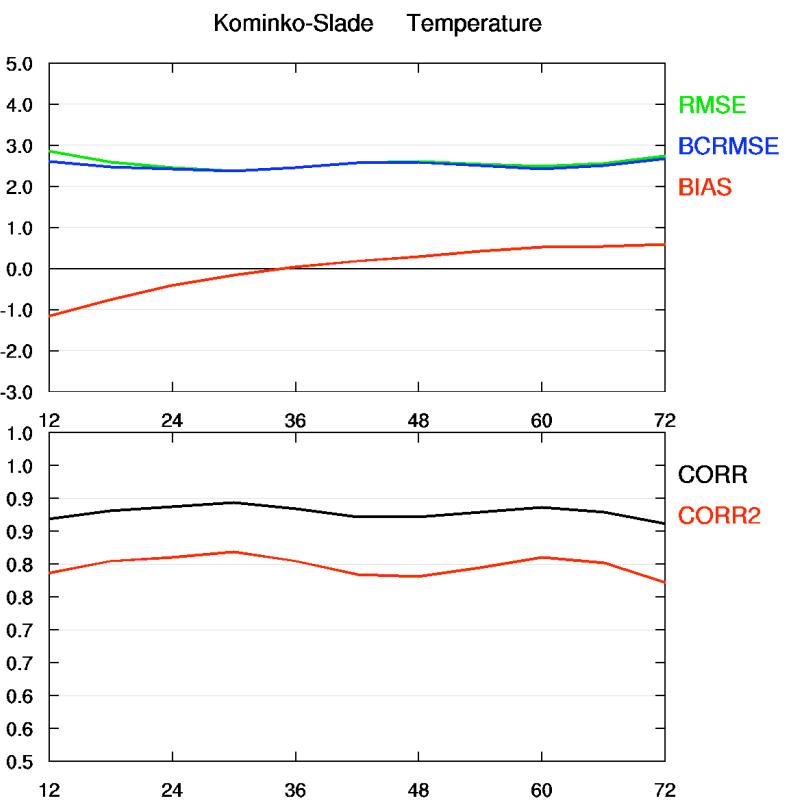
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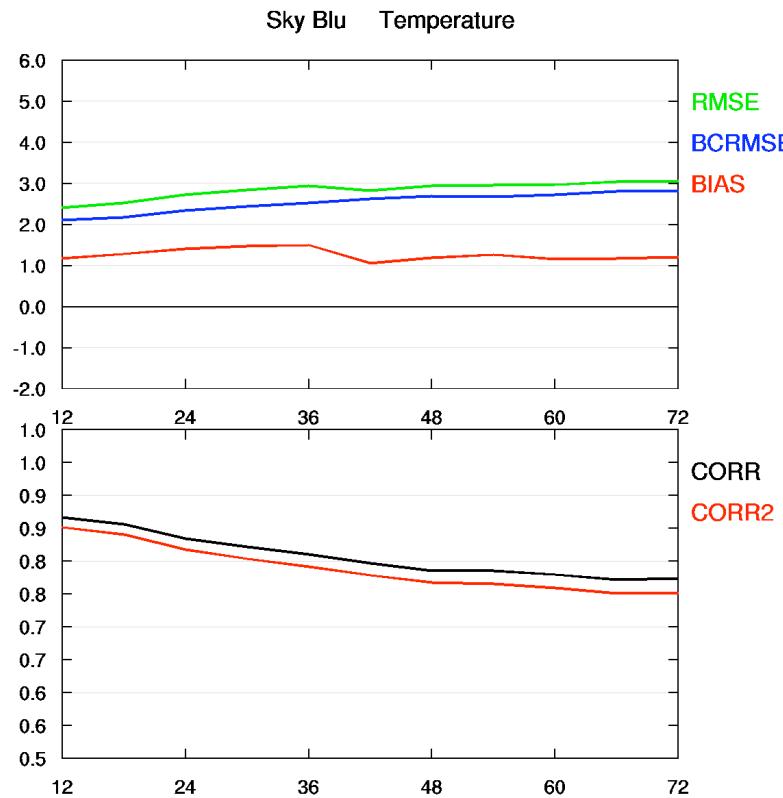
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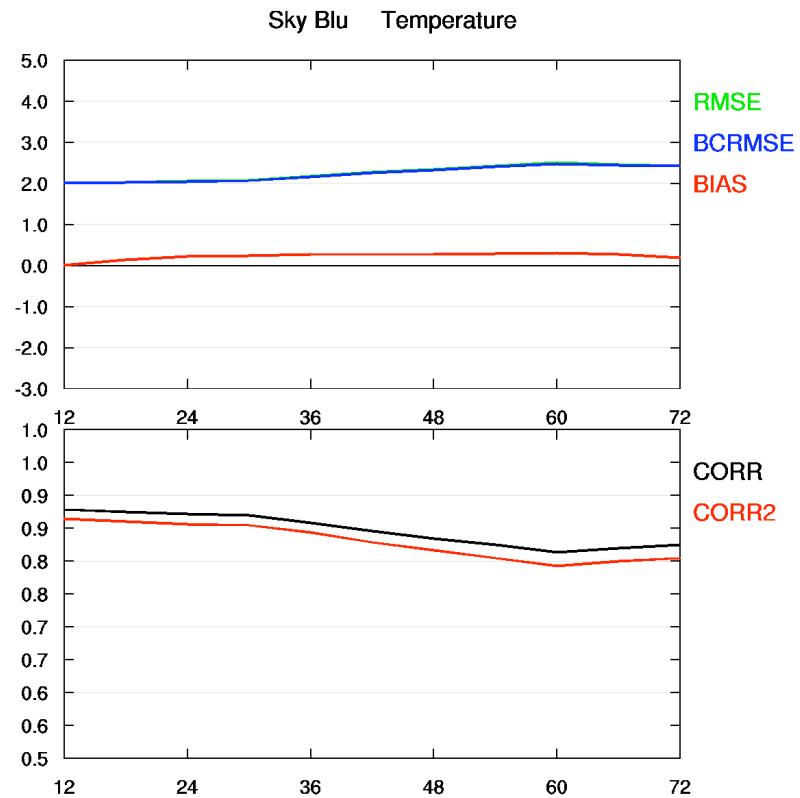
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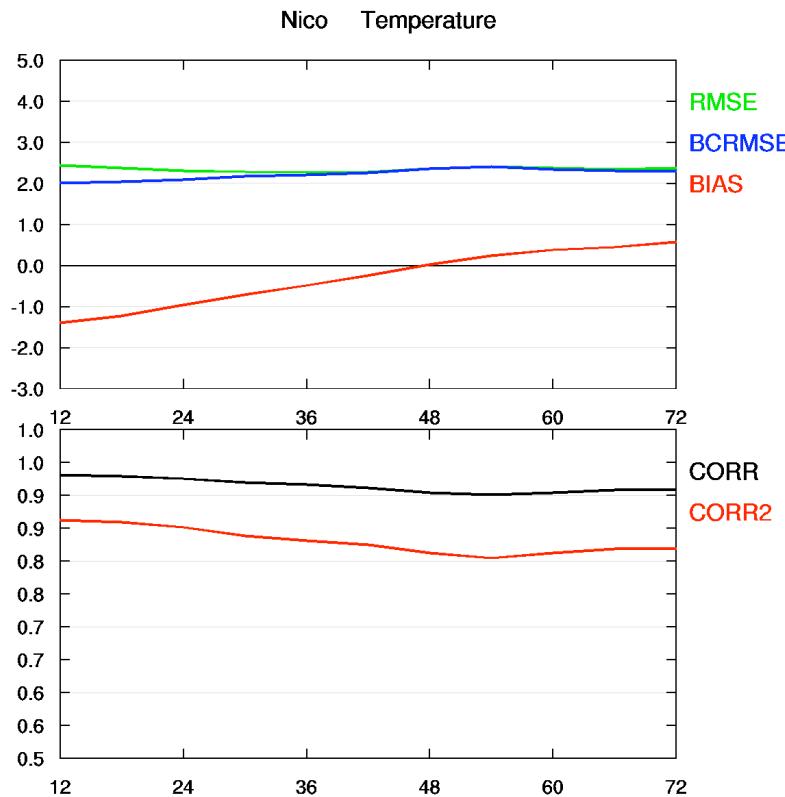
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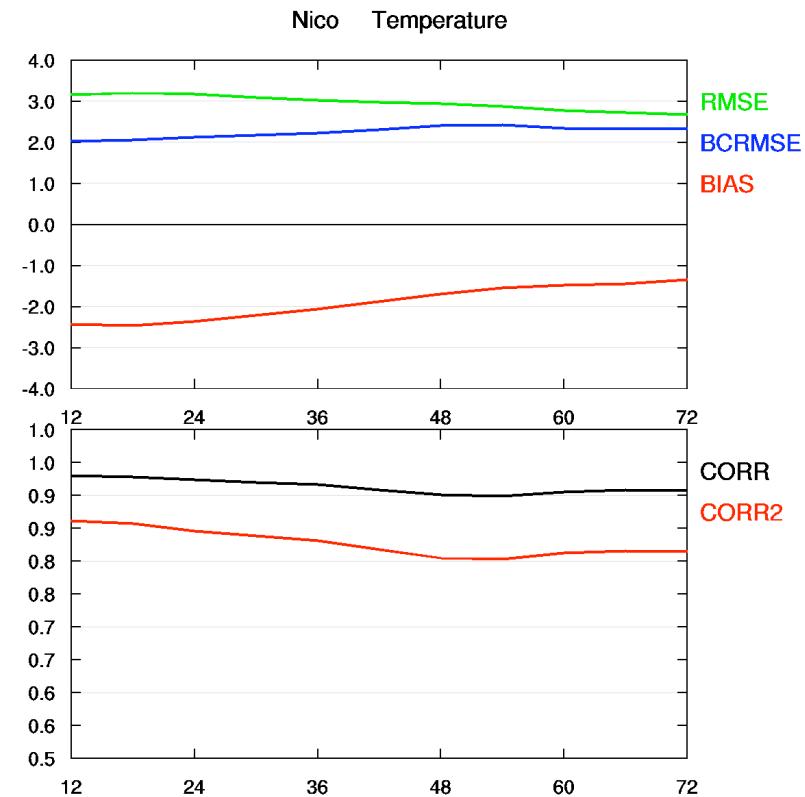
- WRF 3.2.1 statistics improved over WRF 3.0.1.1
 - New RRTMG long-wave radiation scheme?
- Average warming trend during forecast period is about the same between the two versions

3.2.1 Sensitivity to Radiation Schemes

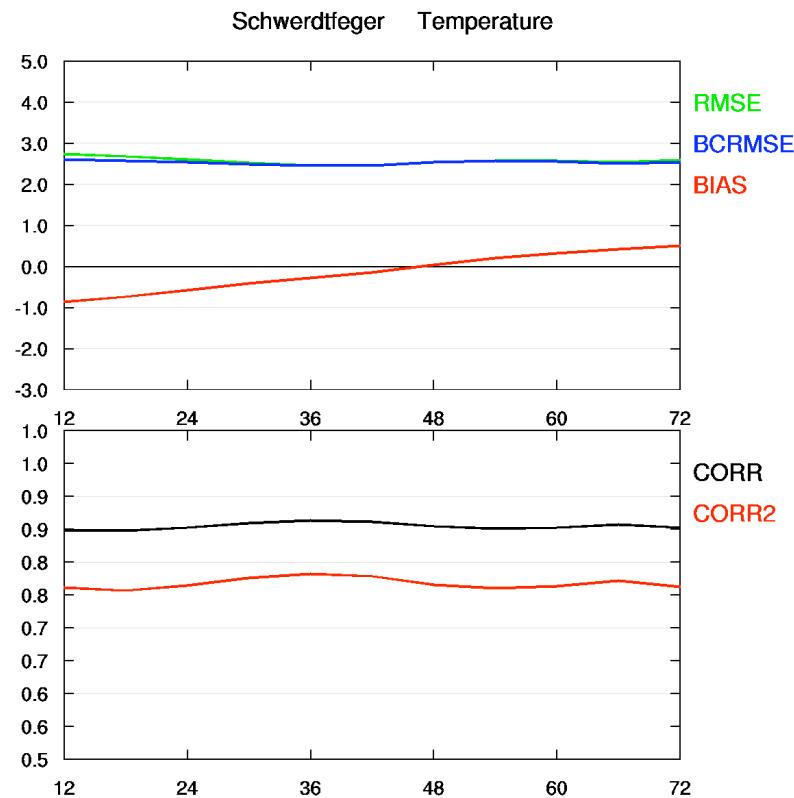
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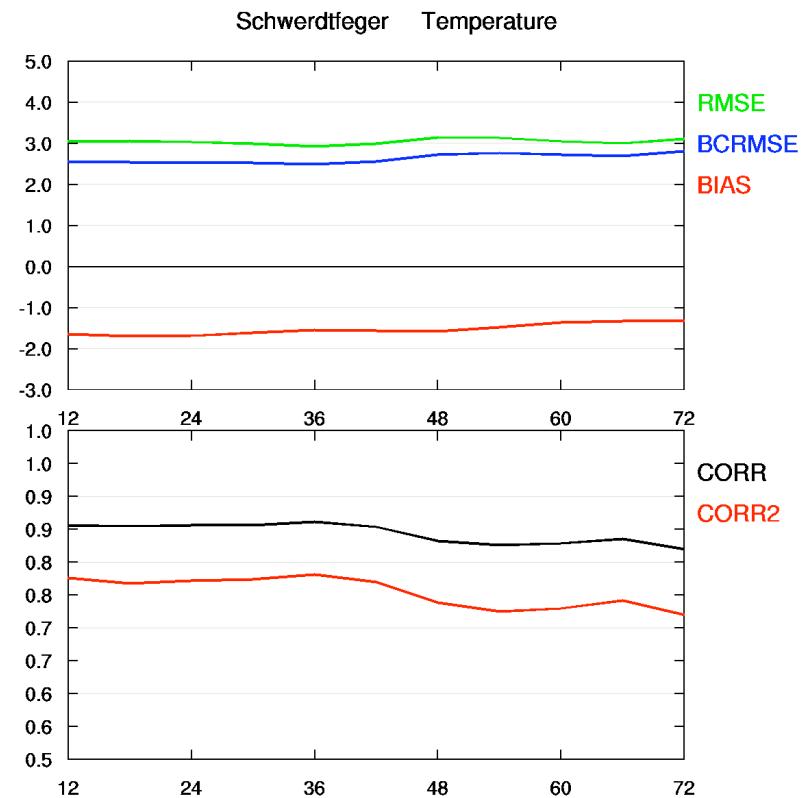
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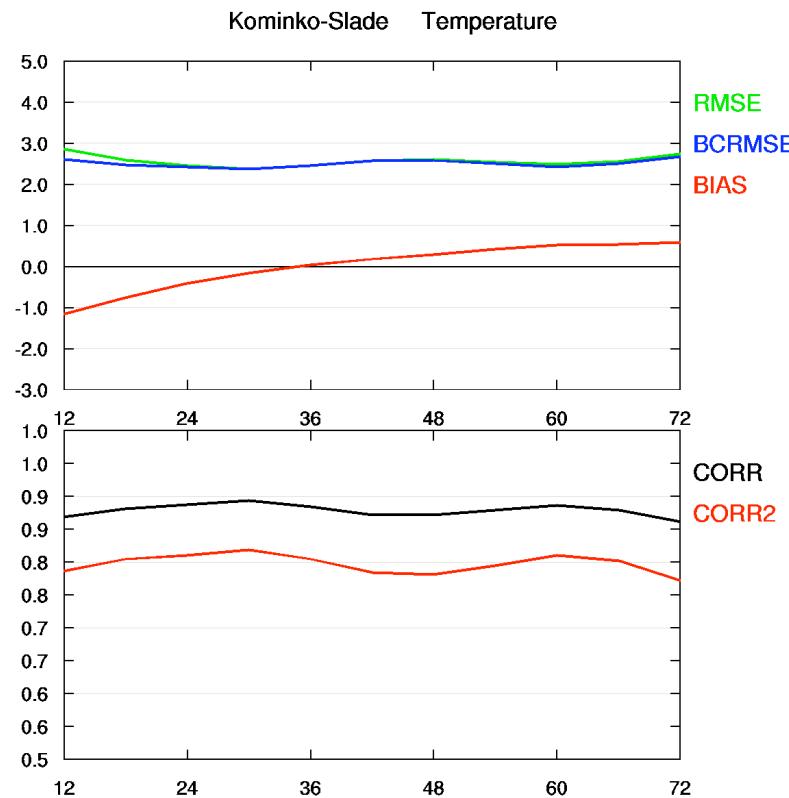
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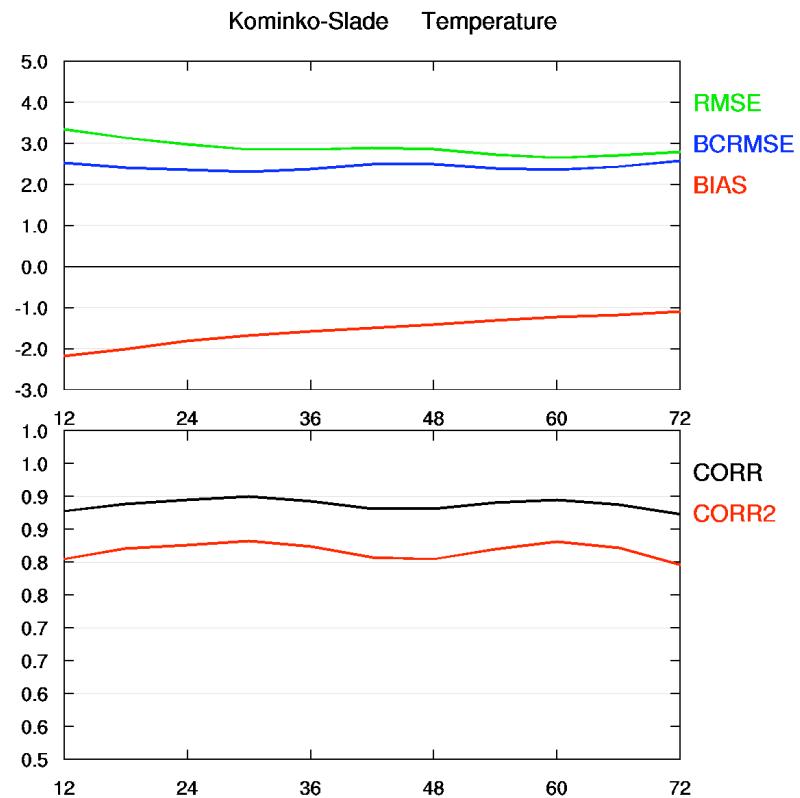
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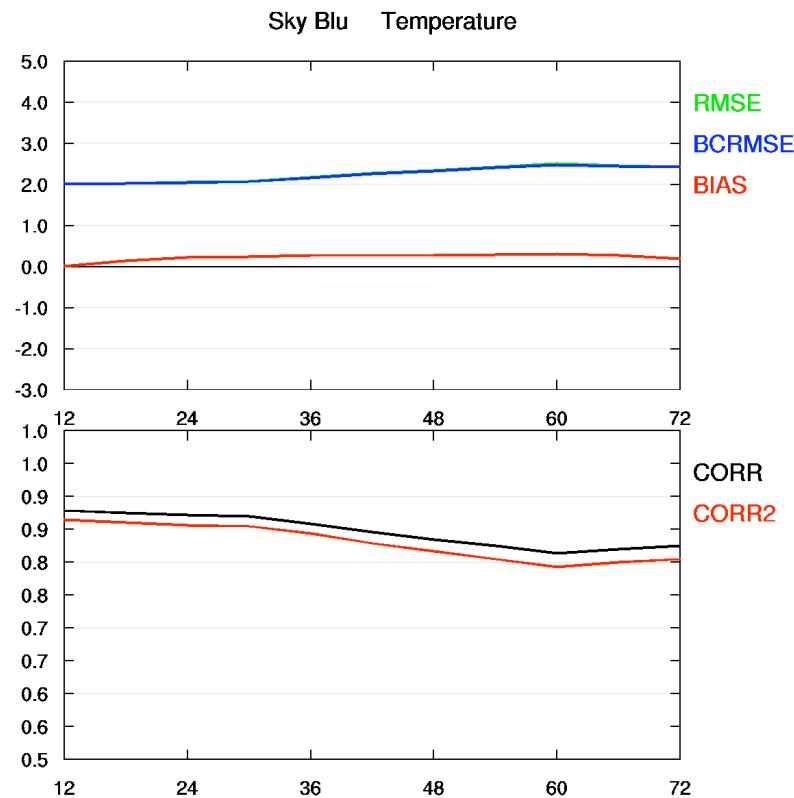
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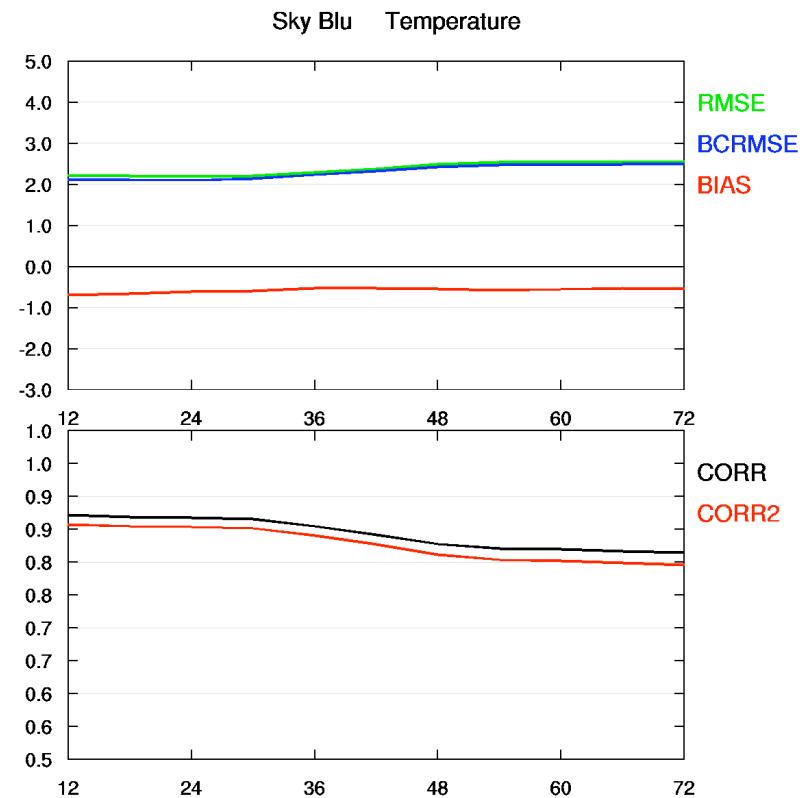
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CAM SW and LW



- CAM radiation schemes reduce the warming trend during forecast
- CAM radiation schemes appear to produce colder results overall
 - Larger (absolute) bias
 - Poorer scores

Summary

- AMPS work is ongoing:
 - Updates to WRF model
 - Updates to polar modifications to WRF
 - No lack of avenues to investigate AMPS temperature behavior
 - Suggestions?
 - Expect an increase in computing power in about a year

